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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Macau-based Asian gaming consultant Ben Lee, left, of IGamiX Management & Consulting Ltd., and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, right, speak to reporters outside the governor's conference room on Capitol Hill at noon yesterday after Lee made a closed-door presentation for Fitial and several members of the House of Representatives and Senate on the viability of establishing a casino industry on Saipan.

CUC wants LEAC adjusted monthly

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. wants adjustments to the leveled energy adjustment clause—or LEAC rate—to be done every month because of the lack of quorum of its regulating body, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

"CUC is recommending to the Legislature that the LEAC be adjusted monthly so that any savings or increases are adjusted quickly using a straightforward template," said executive director Abe Utu Malae yesterday.

The LEAC rate is a component of the power bill that reflects the cost of fuel. It



Malae

is supposed to go up or down to reflect the cost of buying fuel to run the power plants. Only the CPUC can authorize any changes to the LEAC rate.

The LEAC rate was last adjusted early this year, increasing from \$0.24446 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.28125 per kWh, due to the increasing price of fuel in the international market. At that time, crude oil was trading at over \$100 a barrel.

CUC said that since the adoption of the current LEAC rate in September 2010, CUC's commodity fuel oil prices have increased from \$2.05 per gallon to about \$2.45 per gallon on Jan. 1, 2011—an increase of approximately 19

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» Fitial, lawmakers weigh in on gambling industry

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REPORTER

A Macau-based Asian gaming consultant told Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and several lawmakers yesterday that casino gam-

bling would work on Saipan, but the island should not expect to draw major investors or the likes of casino magnate Steve Wynn because of existing challenges such as airline access to the island.

Ben Lee, managing partner of IGamiX Management & Consulting Ltd., said Saipan should start small if it wants a casino industry established, and the island should be ready to face stiff competition from Asian destinations with established casino industries such as Macau, Korea, Singapore, Cambodia, and the Philippines.

But Lee, who came to Saipan at the invitation of the governor, said that despite the competition, a casino industry is "what Saipan needs, I believe, to give

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Funeral for Dolores Inos on Monday

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REPORTER

The funeral for Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos's wife—Dolores Agulto Inos—will be on Monday, the administration said yesterday.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and press secretary Angel Demapan said the lieutenant governor and the remains of his wife are expected back on Saipan from Manila on Thursday, at 2:45pm.

"Funeral schedule for Monday is unlikely to change," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

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The U.S. and CNMI flags in front of the Office of the Governor on Capitol Hill fly at half-staff as per Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's directive, in honor of the passing of Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos' wife, Dolores Agulto Inos.

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Local

Saipan delegation wants mayor's office to shed light on dog control program

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Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) asked Saipan Mayor Donald Flores yesterday to shed light on its dog control and licensing program.

"While the delegation is cognizant of the ongoing program to license dogs in Saipan, there has yet to be identified rules and regulations as promulgated by the Office of the Mayor pursuant to Section 3 of Saipan Local Law 9-12," Tebuteb said in an Aug. 8 letter to Flores.

Tebuteb said delegation members have expressed concern with the licensing, control, and

disposal of dogs on Saipan.

As delegation chairman, Tebuteb asked the mayor's office to meet with members of the delegation on Wednesday at 10am in the House chamber, to discuss the matter.

"At the same time, I strongly recommend that you are accompanied to this meeting with your staff charged with the responsibility to enforce the dog program in Saipan," Tebuteb added.

The Saipan mayor's office has been registering dogs on the island, and revenues from the fees will be used to build a permanent animal shelter, possibly in Lower Base.

Saipan Local Law 9-12 created the dog control program.

Based on a survey conducted

by the Northern Marianas College-CREES program last year, Saipan has an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 stray animals wandering around villages and communities. The number continues to increase due to its uncontrolled population.

Hofschneider said that Flores

is very pleased with the program's initial turnout and is optimistic that more and more pet owners will join the campaign to take responsibility for their animals.

The municipality reopened the registration and tagging on July 11 in Chalan Kanoa; it will run through Dec. 9. After that date, pet owners who wish to register their dogs will have to go to a designated place that the municipality will identify later.

Lujan cites difficulties in obtaining testimonies, docs in Hillbroom suit

Guam attorney David J. Lujan cited difficulties in obtaining testimonies of witnesses and documents in connection with the lawsuit filed by against him by his former client, Junior Larry Hillbroom, the DNA-proven son of the late business tycoon Larry Lee Hillblom.

Lujan, through counsel Theodore W. Frank, said the parties and witnesses that need to be deposed are spread out all over the Pacific Rim, including Guam, the CNMI, California, Vietnam, and Palau.

The same holds true for documents to be discovered, said Frank in Lujan's proposed scheduling order and discovery plan filed in the U.S. District Court on Saturday.

At the same time, Frank said, the lead counsel for the parties in the lawsuit are located in California.

For these reasons, Frank proposed to have a discovery cutoff date of December 2012.

"The logistical difficulties with scheduling depositions, coordinating parties' witnesses, and counsel's schedules, and locating and producing docu-

ments require this discovery cutoff date," Frank said.

Discovery is a process employed by a party to a civil or criminal case to require the adverse party to disclose information that is essential for the preparation of the case.

Frank proposed, among other things, a trial date be set for December 2013.

Hillbroom, through counsel Mark B. Hanson, sued Lujan and 10 other unnamed co-defendants, for legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, racketeering activity, civil conspiracy, and violations of California Business and Professions Code.

Hillbroom, who is now based in Idaho, asked the court to order the defendants to pay him damages, restitution, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Hillbroom filed the original lawsuit against Lujan in the Central District of California in February 2009. The case was dismissed, though, after the court found it did not have personal jurisdiction over him. This prompted Hillbroom to file the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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GOLF TOURNAMENTS GROW

Golf tournament in the Northern Mariana Islands continue to draw golfers from Korea, with two tournaments attracting over 200 golfers in June 2011.



Shinsegae Golf Club (The One) hosted 155 VIPs during the month during, along with sponsors Coral Ocean Point (COP) Resort, Asiana Airlines, and the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA). The event was promoted by the Shinsegae Golf Club and Suwaso Korea website and was also promoted via telemarketing to Shinsegae VIP customers. Winners were awarded on June 17 and received prizes including golf travel certificate to China, drivers, putters, free rounds of golf in Korea, and other giveaways.

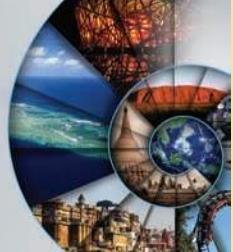


Meanwhile, Myungga Travel hosted another tournament during the same period, attracting 82 golfers who gave positive feedback about the green condition and facilities of Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort, who also partnered with the MVA on the event. The event was promoted on Myungga Travel and Shinhan Card websites. According to the MVA, many participants expressed the intention to visit Saipan again to golf.

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Governor affirms he will nominate Camacho for associate judge post

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial confirmed yesterday that he will appoint former House floor leader and attorney Joseph Camacho as associate judge in the CNMI Superior Court.

"He's my choice. ...He's more than qualified, but I like his temperament. I've never seen him get emotionally disturbed," Fitial said in an interview after he and several lawmakers met with a Macau-based casino investment consultant.

When asked by *Saipan Tribune* whether Camacho was the only one considered, Fitial said: "He's the only one that I chose."

Fitial supported and campaigned for Camacho in the 2010 delegate race that Gregorio Kilili Sablan won by a wide margin. Camacho, who ran under Fitial's Covenant Party at the time, came second.

The governor's statement about his planned appointment of Camacho comes days after a vacancy on the Superior Court bench following the recent U.S. Senate confirmation of Ramona V. Manglona as chief judge for the U.S. District Court

for the NMI.

Once the governor formally names Camacho, the nomination will still need the advice and consent of the CNMI Senate. Fitial couldn't say yet when he will make the formal appointment.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), when asked for comment yesterday, only said the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Gov-

ernmental Investigations "will review the nomination once made."

Based on the EAGI's findings and after conducting a public hearing on the nomination, the panel will make a recommendation to the full Senate to confirm or reject the nomination.

Manglona is the author of an initiative that seeks to reduce the number of associate judges from "at least four" to "at least three," saying the fewer number of cases filed in the past years and the economic hardships no longer justify the

need to have at least four associate judges.

The NMI Constitution requires at least four associate judges and one presiding judge in the Superior Court.

Fitial said he leaves it up to the lawmakers to decide on the initiative, which the Senate passed last week. The initiative now goes to the House of Representatives.

"Even if that legislation passes, it will not have any impact on my appointment to replace Judge Manglona," said Fitial.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* on Sunday, Camacho said if he is nominated, he will "of course be very honored to serve the CNMI in such a prestigious and honorable capacity."

"As the governor has yet to make a public and formal nomination, I will reserve from making additional comments at this time," Camacho had said.

Camacho also ran for lieutenant governor in 2009 under the ticket of Juan Guerrero, as independent candidate.

Camacho was also a key member of Fitial's Blue Ribbon Committee that merged and transitioned Fitial and other Covenant Party members to the Republican Party.

'Lawyers wrongly assume when changing court's schedule'

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Many lawyers in the CNMI wrongly assume that submitting a stipulation is all they need to do to change the court's schedule, according to Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman.

"It's an assumption that should be dispelled for future practice before this court," said Wiseman in an order issued last week.

Wiseman said the court's schedules are set by the court, not by attorneys.

The judge made the clarification after no one appeared at the scheduled July 19, 2011, hearing in the class action suit filed against Mobil Oil Marianas Islands Inc.

Rep. Janet U. Maratita, Joaquin Q. Atalig, Jose P. Kiyoshi, and Felipe Q. Atalig, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, are suing Mobil Oil for allegedly secretly neglecting to use proper equipment to ensure that harmful chemicals do not leak into the environment.

Mobil Oil's motion to dismiss the lawsuit was rescheduled at least twice and then was set for July 19, 2011, at 1:30pm.

Attorneys Thomas E. Clifford and Quichocho, counsel for defendant Mobil Oil and plaintiffs respectively, filed on July 21 a stipulation to reset the hearing on Mobil Oil's motion to Aug. 25, 2011.

In his order, Wiseman said the court was informed at the last moment—the evening prior to the hearing—that the motion

had to be continued again and a stipulation was filed due to a funeral service that had to be attended by one of the attorneys.

Wiseman said he did not sign the stipulation and that no one appeared at the scheduled hearing, which leads him to find it necessary to make the statement to lawyers practicing before him.

"When neither party appeared at the hearing, it was most likely because they assumed, as most

members of the Bar do, that submitting a stipulation is all they need to do to change the court's schedule," the judge said.

Although the court in most cases will grant the parties' request for a continuance, he said it is not an automatic occurrence.

Despite his concern, Wiseman said he will honor the stipulation filed by Quichocho and Clifford.



Camacho

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In its efforts to increase the quality of infant and toddler care in the CNMI the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care Program has worked in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College in offering a free 70-Hour Infant and Toddler Training Program. Currently 70 individuals have completed the program. The 70 hour training consist of 5 modules that incorporate health and safety issues, learning and development, socio-emotional development, group care, and culture.

Cohort 5 is scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks. Anyone interested in getting more information regarding this free training should contact Emi Pamintuan, Child Care Program at 664-2575.

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Guam researcher studies Mount Pinatubo ecosystem recovery

University of Guam ecologist Thomas Marler recently mobilized efforts to characterize the vegetation that has recovered following the eruption of Mount Pinatubo, Philippines.

"My interest was sparked by the paradox that this volcano's cataclysmic 1991 eruption was so powerful it changed global climate, yet after a full 15 years the biology of the recovering ecosystem had not been studied," said Marler.

The void of research motivated the Guam ecologist to spend a majority of 2006 conducting botanical surveys on



THOMAS MARLER

The general status of Mount Pinatubo's crater in 2006 showed many areas with barren surfaces due to continued shifting soils even 15 years after the eruption.

the mountain. Marler then teamed up with University of Washington ecologist Roger del Moral to publish results from the surveys in a recent issue of the journal *Pacific Science*.

This facet of ecology is termed "primary succession" and refers to how organisms begin to grow in sterile habitats, then how they form communities. One core theme that emerged from Marler's research was that unstable soil surfaces of Mount Pinatubo continue to re-start the succession of community formation. "The situation on this mountain serves to remind us that recovery from the

damage inflicted by hurtful events may linger for many years," said Marler. A life lesson that Marler contends has application to human relations.

The pair of ecologists also identified several explanatory factors that have correlations with the current status of primary succession. Elevation and the distance to permanent human settlement were two major factors that emerged to explain the vegetation characteristics. According to Marler, there is no solidarity among ecologists about a set of universal factors that enable detailed prediction during succession. The Pinatubo research adds to the list of case studies that may eventually allow the formation of clarity among

various succession models.

A scientist with the Western Pacific Tropical Research Center, Marler's research in the Philippines will increase global understanding of ecosystem recovery following natural disasters.

"This important research is an example of the critical role that the University of Guam plays while fulfilling our mission in the region," said Greg Wiecko, associate director of the WPTRC. "A critical void in knowledge was identified and the university's expertise and resources were deployed to fill the void."

Find more information on Thomas Marler's research at www.wptrc.org. (UOG)



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The DeLeon Guerrero family: Matthew, Mary Louise, Michael, Eve, and Ed DeLeon Guerrero.

CASINO

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tourism a much needed boost right now."

"Gaming in the region is now viewed as a game changer. So a lot of countries other than Saipan are looking at gaming to actually attract tourism," Lee said in an interview after his closed-door presentation for the governor and lawmakers on Capital Hill yesterday.

The presentation started at shortly past 10am and lasted until about 12:30pm.

Fitial asked lawmakers last week to listen to the casino consultant's presentation before acting on a local bill seeking to legalize casino gambling on Saipan.

Lee said his message to lawmakers is "to seriously consider permitting gambling in Saipan to get the tourism industry to where it should be."

He said a casino industry will "absolutely" benefit the local economy.

"You just have to look at Singapore, Macau as prime examples. Singapore has increased tourism by 20 percent. In Macau, it's unimaginable. Macau is now five times bigger than Las Vegas. In other countries—Cambodia, Vietnam—everybody's looking at gaming to drive tourism and if you don't have it you lose out in the race," Lee told reporters.

He said Saipan will not compete with big jurisdictions like Macau and Singapore.

"You need it [casino industry] because otherwise what's the outlook for Saipan? So I throw that question back at you. I've seen the tourism figure; it's declining year in, year end. What do you have to do to change that? Somebody else asked me the same question, 'can you think of something else that will change that trend?' No," he said.

Lee's IGamiX Management & Con-

sulting Ltd. is a well-known Asian gaming consultancy based in Macau.

IGamiX has consulted on gaming projects all over Asia, from feasibility reports to greenfield start ups, for a variety of clients ranging from private companies to government bodies. Lee is also a regular speaker on the topic of Asian junket business at major international conferences.

When asked whether he's being hired by the CNMI government as a casino consultant, Lee said "not at this point in time."

Change of heart

Saipan voters twice rejected legalizing casino gambling on the island. Casino gambling is legal only on Tinian and Rota.

But Lee said "even countries that were previously vehemently opposed to gambling like Vietnam, Myanmar, and Singapore, [that] were steadfastly against gambling have changed their mind and look at the outcome," he added.

The Senate also rejected last year a bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan.

Some senators said they are not opposed to casino gambling, but the decision whether to legalize it on Saipan should rest with Saipan voters.

Reality check

Fitial and some lawmakers interviewed said the presentation was a reality check on what would work and what would not work on Saipan.

Lee and some lawmakers said it will be difficult to entice investors to invest \$25 million on Saipan, how much more a proposed \$575 million required investment for an exclusive casino license on island.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of a pending Saipan casino bill, said he will be revising his bill to "scale down" the investment requirements in

his bill.

He said a \$5 million advance deposit, which could be used as tax credit, will be a good start.

Lawmakers also said the use of existing hotels with 300 rooms will not be an issue. There are only four existing hotels on Saipan with 300 or more rooms.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) and Torres also said that Lee does not recommend having an exclusive casino license because it will stunt the growth of the industry. But he also said the number of investors should not be more than three.

"So it should be two or three investors," Camacho said.

Camacho said Lee's presentation was an interesting one.

He said he would also like to hear from prospective investors and proponents, after hearing from a casino gambling consultant.

"[Lee] said \$20 million is still too much. The CNMI is not a proven market yet. We're not going to get high-rollers at first," Camacho said, adding that even investors in established markets want to get their return on investment within three years.

Camacho said that, according to Lee, requiring 300 rooms for a casino will not be an issue, "but the amount of investment" needed.

He said a \$10 million investment requirement may be more enticing for an investor to come to Saipan.

Camacho said he has not decided yet whether to vote "yes" on a pending local casino bill, but he's not opposed to it.

"I am in favor of supporting revenue generation for the people. But if this [casino] is the best way, I don't know," he added.

Lee said the House leadership came up to him and asked him for his opinion on the proposed casino bill. He said it will be up to the Legislature to revise the pending local casino bill.

FUNERAL

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Fitial ordered all U.S. and CNMI flags to fly at half-staff until after the funeral, and announced on Sunday a state of mourning for Mrs. Inos' passing.

Mrs. Inos, fondly known as "Ling," passed away on Saturday at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center in the Philippines at around 2am, or 4am Saipan time. She was 63.

Mrs. Inos has been described by those who know her as a "fighter" for having endured a long battle with an illness.

The governor, in an interview yesterday, said they are saddened by Mrs. Inos' death and asked the people to pray for the lieutenant governor and his family as they deal with the loss.

CUC

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percent.

This month, however, the price of crude is down to \$85 a barrel.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication, had questioned CUC's failure to reduce its power rates since fuel prices were rolled back in June. The lawmaker reportedly accused CUC of violating a CPUC order for CUC to go back to the commission to adjust the LEAC rate when fuel prices go down.

Malae said yesterday that CUC has already responded to Ayuyu's concerns in a letter last week. He said CUC cannot just make adjustments without the consent of the commission.

The commission does not function right now due to a lack of commissioners.

"CUC cannot petition for anything to

"I spoke to the lieutenant governor shortly after his wife died. And he told me...he's accepted, and he is in peace now that his wife is resting. I want all the people to pray for the lieutenant governor, especially for his deceased wife," he said.

The governor said it will be up to Inos if he wants to take a leave of absence during the mourning period.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said yesterday he's extending his condolences to the Inos family.

The governor earlier described Mrs. Inos "a loving wife of 40 years, a gentle and caring mother to her six children and a beloved grandmother to her seven grandchildren. She will be missed tremendously."

Nightly Mass of intention is now being offered at San Vicente Church at 6pm, immediately followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

the CPUC because there is none in existence. CUC has a laundry list of things for the commission to consider, including LEAC. We look forward to having a CPUC and we believe that will be very soon," Malae told *Saipan Tribune*.

CPUC stopped functioning on June 7 when only Viola Alepuyo was left as its member. Last July 23, then-acting governor Eloy S. Inos appointed Joaquin S. Manglona as a member of the CPUC representing Rota. If confirmed by the Senate, Manglona will join Alepuyo and will serve a four-year term that will expire on July 21, 2015.

Once functional, CPUC is also expected to accommodate a new petition—this time on new water and wastewater rates. CUC earlier reported that its operating losses for both water and wastewater just for the eight months ending May 31, 2011, has already amounted to \$2.8 million: \$1.1 million for water and \$1.7 million for wastewater. The CPUC last approved a rate hike for water and wastewater in May 2010.

Bid now out for company to probe geothermal temperature on Saipan

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has put out a bid for a company to investigate the viability of tapping geothermal power on Saipan.

In a request for proposal issued yesterday, the corporation is asking experts on geothermal energy to check the feasibility of geothermal energy development on the island. It seeks qualified and experienced firms to explore for and develop geothermal energy for the purpose of generating electricity.

CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs is paying up to \$1.2 million of the cost of the geothermal investigation.

Other funding sources eyed for NI summit, as \$15K remains 'missing'

The Northern Islands Development Planning Committee will tap other funding sources to finance a summit slated next month while the proposed \$15,000 summit budget remains "missing."

"The committee will be looking into other funding sources since we don't have the budget from the government yet," Jerome Aldan, committee member and Northern Islands Mayor's Office program manager, told *Saipan Tribune*.

Aldan said he is concerned about the missing \$15,000 budget proposed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation that was removed from the final budget signed into law last June 7 by then acting governor Eloy S. Inos.

"It magically disappeared from the budget and we were told by the Legislature that they're going to look into it," he said.

However, Aldan said they have yet to hear back from the delegation, a little over a month before the summit. "We were told to just focus on planning the summit and not to worry about the funding," he added.

The "1st Northern Islands Development Summit: Resettlement and Economic Re-Development Opportunities - CNMI's Northern Frontier" is scheduled on Sept. 15 at the Saipan World Resort, which is still up for confirmation.

Aldan said the committee plans to meet with the delegation "to follow up on the status of the \$15,000."

For now, Aldan said they will get in touch with government and private organizations that could potentially provide financial support for the summit.

(*Clarissa V. David*)



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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, August 12, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Captain George F. Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
- II. BOARD ORGANIZATION
 - 1. Election of Officers
 - 2. Appointments of Standing Committee Chairs and members
- III. CORRESPONDENCES
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. Financial Affairs Committee
 - 2. Airport Facilities Committee
 - 3. Seaport Facilities Committee
 - 4. Personnel Affairs Committee
- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. None
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Adoption of 2010 Audit Report
 - 2. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2012 Budget
 - 3. Revised Procurement Regulations
 - 4. Status of Rota East Harbor
 - 5. Supplemental Budget Request: PAPI Project
 - 6. Supplemental Budget Request: Saipan International Airport Generator Upgrade
 - 7. Supplemental Budget Request: TSA Office Renovations
 - 8. Allied Pacific Environmental Consulting, Inc. (APEC)
 - 9. TSA Office Renovations Change Order No. 1
 - 10. Ginen Saipan
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman, Board of Directors

CUC believes that Saipan's proximity to the active Mariana volcanic arc, extensional faulting, and the occurrence of shallow water wells with anomalous temperature suggest that sufficient geothermal resources may exist beneath Saipan to support generation of electricity using binary plant technology.

If it turns out from the experts' investigation that it is feasible, then CUC will invite companies to bid on the actual development and commissioning of a geothermal energy power plant, Malae said. If the results are negative, then CUC will have to continue with other renewable energy sources.

"We are hoping for good results. If not, then we go back to diesel or LNG and renewables other than geothermal," said Malae.

According to him, a geothermal energy plant can be used as a base load, just like the diesel power plants currently in use on all three islands.

"A geothermal energy plant is base load because power is usually reliable, constant, and is able to supply at least 50 percent of the total load of a grid. Wind and so-

lar are intermittent in nature and are therefore not considered base load," he explained.

Malae described the current setup for the island's power system as "critical" because of the limited lifespan of the Lower Base power plant.

"We in the CNMI are at a critical point in time for power

system planning because the base load diesel plant at Lower Base has about seven years of life remaining. That means we have to start planning very soon to replace that plant. The parallel path of development with diesel is geothermal," he said.

Malae disclosed that the oldest engines at the power plant

are vintage 1979.

At a recent annual general meeting in Guam of the Pacific Power Association, member companies of trade associations described the work in geothermal energy they had already performed in places such as New Zealand, Vanuatu, and Papua New Guinea.

Islands as also a vital part of the Commonwealth. The website will also help encourage tourists and investors to visit the "CNMI's northern frontier," he added.

Aldan said they aim to finish upgrading the website either within the month or next month, in time to upload the outcome of the 1st Northern Islands Development Summit on Sept. 15. (*Clarissa V. David*)

Northern Islands website being upgraded

The Northern Islands Mayor's Office is currently working on improving the Northern Islands website.

Program manager Jerome Aldan said the website, www.cnminorthernislands.com, was created through the efforts of former mayor Joseph T. Ogu-moro and then Rep. William S. Torres to assist displaced North-

ern Islands residents who wanted to return to their homes.

The website contains information about the 10 islands that constitute the Northern Islands: Farallon de Medinilla, Anatahan, Sarigan, Guguan, Alamanagan, Pagan, Agrihan, Asuncion, Maug, and Farallon de Pajaros.

"We're now working on

upgrading the website. We just need to provide more information to improve what's in there now," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Aldan disclosed that Angil Design is working on the website upgrade.

According to Aldan, the website is essential to effectively promote the Northern

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-050

REHABILITATION OF SEWER LIFT STATION NO. S-3

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general of the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station No. 3 located in Lower Base, Saipan. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The work is inclusive of rehabilitation of the wet well, replacement of pumps, guide rails, control panel cleanup of the basins, repair, replacement, rehabilitation of pipeline, pipes, reconditioning of generator, asphalt paving, etc. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on August 19, 2011 at 1:00 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-049, Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station No. S-3" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

Pro-Garrison petition yields 270 signatures

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

A total of 270 students, mostly from Marianas High School, signed a petition urging Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan to reinstate former MHS principal Craig Garrison to the Public School System.

The petition, which will be turned over to Sablan today, asks

Sablan to reconsider Garrison's resignation from PSS last month.

Tao Cheng, organizer of the signature campaign, said the petition will be presented with a letter to the commissioner citing specific reasons for Garrison's reinstatement.

He disclosed that 118 of the 270 signatures were gathered from students who attended summer classes at Saipan Southern High

Public school principals mum on Garrison issue

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Public School System administrators—principals and vice principals—are mum on the resignation of former Marianas High school principal Craig Garrison and his subsequent attempt to rescind that resignation.

Jonas Barcinas, the principals' representative for secondary schools, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the issue about Garrison has never been brought to the table for discussion so the group has no position on the matter.

Secondary schools have about 18 school leaders. PSS named Cherlyn Cabrera as acting principal of MHS, replacing Garrison.

Barcinas described the issue about Garrison as purely "personal" and "administrative" in nature.

"That issue is beyond our control and it has never been brought to the table for discussion. Nobody from the secondary group [of administrators] has tried to talk about it during our regular meetings because we believe that that is purely personal and administrative in nature," Barcinas said yesterday.

Barcinas is a member of the PSS leadership team who met with Education Commissioner Rita Sablan yesterday on Capitol Hill.

The principal of Hopwood Junior High School said they are focused on the upcoming opening of classes on Sept. 5.

"We have no comment to make on Mr. Garrison's issue. Despite his absence, we can say that principals are all ready and equipped for the opening of classes," he said.

Administrators recently attended a two-week seminar on balanced leadership and success insights conducted by McREL.

Barcinas said that follow-up workshops are conducted by experts every summer, to ensure that administrators are prepared. New approaches, teaching techniques, and methodologies are among the highlights of these workshops, he said.

Meantime, Barcinas announced yesterday that Hopwood Junior High School was recently approved a six-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges—a first for the school. Hopwood is the largest middle school on island and has over 1,000 enrollees each year.

School, while 152 were gathered in an online petition.

In their draft letter for Sablan, the petitioners state that Garrison is a great asset to PSS and that losing his service means a loss for students. The draft letter also enumerated the former principal's accomplishments.

Cheng said he is confident that the commissioner will make a sound decision since Garrison had already rescinded his resignation. The student believes that more signatures can be gathered if the petition will last until the opening of classes next month. However, he said it is their goal to have Garrison back before classes begin.

Cheng is a former SSHS student before he transferred to MHS. He said he was a witness to the many progressive and positive changes that Garrison enforced in both schools. He said his group received overwhelming support and encouragement from teachers and community members during the petition signing.

PSS has yet to make a decision on Garrison's fate. Sablan declined to be interviewed yesterday.

Garrison resigned in July, effective Sept. 1, due to irreconcilable differences with Sablan. He was placed on administrative leave a week after submitting his resignation letter. Garrison later filed a complaint against Sablan with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a federal agency that handles discrimination cases.

Last week, Garrison rescinded his letter of resignation, saying he is willing to take any position within the system.

Teen gets 72-hour term for pushing girlfriend who was holding infant

The Superior Court has imposed a 72-hour prison term on a teenager who pushed his girlfriend as she was holding their baby girl inside their room.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo last week sentenced the 19-year-old Ben Magofna to a year in prison, all suspended except for 72 hours, for assault and battery, and criminal mischief.

Magofna was given credit for the five days he had already served in jail. This means he will no longer serve further jail time.

Magofna will be placed on supervised probation for a year and required to undergo anger management counseling and a parenting class. He was also directed to pay a \$200 fine, plus court costs and probation fees, and restitution to the victim. Govendo also ordered Magofna to perform 100 hours of community service and write a letter of apology to the victim.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Magofna with assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace. Magofna pleaded guilty to assault and battery and criminal mischief as part of a plea deal. The disturbing the peace charge was dropped. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. RMS-2011-X-041 submitted by HKP & Associates on behalf of the Department of Public Lands for the construction of the Finafa Village Homestead in As Rosalia, Rota. The proposed project will include the construction of access roads, ponding basins, public park and subdivision of 126 residential lots on Lot 280 R01 containing 18.17 hectares of public land in As Rosalia, Rota.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, 6:30 P.M. at the Rota Round House.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review or comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM office located in the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, Saipan or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will become part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you require further information regarding this project and/or public hearing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Government Employees' Credit Union Board of Directors (BOARD) hereby gives notice that the BOARD has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 10:30 am at the Credit Union Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. The following agenda will be discussed:

- I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes of December 18, 2010
 - E. December 28, 2010
- II. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Financial Report—Monday
 - C. Operational Matters
- III. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. LCU Policy
 - B. 2011 Budget Proposal
- V. MISCELLANEOUS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Angel S. Hocog
Chairperson

CANCELLED

 **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**
Navy to conduct training on Warning Area-517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on Aug. 10, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The public especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from the area during the time and date indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (*USN*)

UOG fall 2011 registration

University of Guam new student orientation and registration will be held Aug. 9 – 12 by appointment. Late registration for all students will be held Aug. 12, 15 and 16. Add and drop will occur Aug. 17-23. Individuals over the age of 55 should contact the Records Office at 735-2210/11 on or before Aug. 12 to participate in the Senior Citizens Waiver Program. The payment deadline for fall 2011 is Aug. 25 at noon. Students must sign a Time Option Payment Plan or pay in full by this date. For more information contact 735-2202. (*UOG*)

John Gonzales LIVE to feature ADAP interns

John Gonzales Live, which airs Wednesday and rebroadcasts on Sunday and Monday, all from 7pm to 8pm on KSPN Channel 2, will feature "Sustainability: NMC CREES ADAP interns share their summer internship

experiences for the future" on Aug. 10 and rebroadcasts on Aug. 14 and 15, 2011. Guests are the 2011 ADAP student interns.

John Gonzales Live also rebroadcasts worldwide on the Web via Betelnut Radio (www.betelnutradio.com) on Aug. 10 at 6pm Pacific Standard Time and 9pm Eastern Standard Time (Thursday, Aug. 11, at 11am Chamorro Standard Time in the CNMI and Guam). Viewers can participate by calling 287-4230, texting 285-META (6382), or emailing johngonzales@pti-com.com. (*PR*)

Tanapag school kindergarten registration

Tanapag Elementary School's kindergarten registration for school year 2011-2012 is ongoing until Aug. 12 and Aug. 15-17, from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the main office. Kindergarten registration requirements: child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2011; copy of child's birth certificate; school entrance health certificate; copy of health insurance or Medicaid; map of residence; copy of legal guardianship (if applicable). For questions, call the main office at 664-3425/3126/3427. (*TES*)

Kagman High orientation schedule

Kagman High School will be holding an orientation for freshmen and sophomores on Aug. 25, 2011. The freshmen orientation will be from 9am to 10am, while the sophomore orientation will be from 10:30am to 11:30am.

The orientation for juniors and seniors will be on Aug. 26, 2011. Juniors will have their orientation from 9am to 10am, while seniors will have theirs from 10:30am to 11:30am.

For more information, call

the KHS main office at 237-3840. (*KHS*)

Registration info for Saipan Southern High

Saipan Southern High School students who have been evaluated from Junior High are not officially enrolled if your parents/legal guardians did not submit a registration form. Pick up forms from the counseling office and submit ASAP for your child to be enrolled in SSHS. All returning students that attended SSHS last year must return all textbooks and settle all obligations with the school, before you can pick up your class schedule.

Schedules are to be picked up at the Counseling Office as follows:

- Seniors, 12th Grade, Aug. 22, Monday, 9am-4pm
- Juniors, 11th Grade, Aug. 23, Tuesday, 9am-4pm
- Sophomores, 10th Grade, Aug. 24, Wednesday, 9am-4pm

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 10th birthday to Quincy Chin-en! May your birthday be filled with smiles, sunshine, love, and laughter! God bless!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday to Melissa Camacho who turns the double-3 today! Have a blessed day and enjoy! Love you always, the *familia*, Babe, and most especially, Santino!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

All transfer and new students enrolling at SSHS in grades 10, 11, and 12 are required to attend an orientation on Aug. 25, Thursday, 9am-11am, with their parents or legal guardians. No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance.

Freshman student orientation will be held in two different sessions to accommodate parents'/guardians' work schedules. Please attend only one session on Aug. 26, 2011—from 9am to 11am OR from 1pm to 3pm—with their parents or legal guardians. Attend only one session with parents or legal guardians. No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance.

For more information, call the SSHS principal directly at 237-3702 or the SSHS main office at 664-4000. (*SSHS*)



Happy sweet 16th birthday to our girl, Surina Reyes! We love you and may all your wishes come true! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 9, 2000

NMC tuition competitive with other Pacific colleges

Compared to other two-year colleges in the Pacific, the Northern Marianas College offers a fairly competitive tuition rate, according to an in-house study commissioned by the college. Based on a survey of nine Pacific community colleges, NMC ranked 3rd among colleges offering the lowest resident student tuition rate at \$65 per credit. The College of the Marshall Islands is recorded to have the highest tuition rate for its resident students at \$95 per credit. Other state colleges in Hawaii, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia offer an average tuition ranging from \$40 to \$60 per credit.

Medical marijuana law won't affect federal regs

Passage of two new laws by the state of Hawaii—the medical privacy law and legalized medical marijuana use—is causing confusion regarding the implications for federal regulatory requirements. The bottom line is: federal drug and alcohol testing regulations will not be affected. Hawaii's medical privacy law does not change the requirements established in federal regulations. Mariners are still subject to drug and alcohol testing and marine employers must continue to report the test results to the Coast Guard. Violation of these regulations may subject individuals and companies to civil penalties.

Aug. 9, 2001

BOE runs to Inos' defense

Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos did not violate existing policies of the Public School system and the CNMI Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations. The clarification came from top officials of the State Board of Education who decided to put its foot down to end malicious talks being circulated by partisan politicians regarding Inos' candidacy and leave of absence. The BOE came to the rescue of the embattled commissioner to clear the air in response to calls of several Republican Party candidates for Inos to relinquish her post. The board emphasized that Inos' request for leave of absence was in compliance with the existing administrative regulation.

Bill to free Rota-bound deviates from excise tax

The House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication has recommended the passage of a bill that would suspend the collection of excise taxes on telecommunication machinery and equipment intended for Rota. According to panel chairman Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, his committee recommended the passage of House Bill 12-056, also known as the "Excise Tax Abatement Act of 2000," after finding out that it is a replica of Public Law 11-123, which was passed by a two-thirds vote of the Eleventh Legislature in 2000. The measure's author, Vice-Speaker Alejo M. Mendiola Jr., had moved for the suspension of the excise tax on telecommunications equipment going to Rota, saying this will facilitate the installation of equipment necessary for the health and welfare of the people of Rota.

Aug. 9, 2002

NMHC discourages use of tin roof

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. has stepped up inspection processes to uplift the living conditions of many CNMI residents who are still dwelling in below-standard housing requirements. The NMHC also discouraged families from using substandard construction materials such as tin roof, as well as underscored the importance of proper bathroom facilities. NMHC executive director MaryLou S. Ada said onsite visitations have been stepped up in recent months, adding that the agency has improved housing programs in the CNMI by providing low-income families with affordable and decent residential units.

Reprogrammed funds support govt hospital

The Babauta administration has been reprogramming funds to support the needs of the Commonwealth Health Center, but it remained unclear whether or not the Department of Public Health's spending level already exceeded the \$31-million appropriation for this fiscal year. Public Health Secretary James U. Hofschneider said that there will be no interruption of health care, services as well as the work hours of its employees, even if the department had recently divulged that its spending level was already close to the budget level. Ironically, though, the secretary revealed that the department is currently reviewing its staffing to identify non-essential positions. Hofschneider said, however, that there would be no reduction in manpower.

Can You Identify?

THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the Saipan Tribune, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.

The individuals in last week's column were identified as, from left: Renee Pangelinan and Rita Pangelinan Siren. Identified by: Bernadita C. Pangelinan, Joe Aldan, Maria T. Aldan, George Fleming and Debra Camacho Johnson.

Fee waivers for Aug. 9 NMC info session

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's free information session will qualify to receive fee waivers for the NMC admission application and placement tests for the upcoming Fall 2011 semester—a savings of about \$75.

The event will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, in Room D-1 at the As Terlaje campus from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Those interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers are encouraged to attend this event to meet and speak with faculty and staff from the college's different degree and certificate programs.

Counseling, financial aid, admissions, and other NMC staff will also be on hand to answer questions and to assist in the admissions and financial aid process.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including bachelor of science degrees in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management.

Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

The information session is open to everyone, including high school students and graduates, and their parents, government and private sector employees, international students, and members of the general public who are interested in learning more about the programs at NMC.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 1537, or log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

UOG professor selected as Fulbright specialist

Richard Fee, PhD, associate professor of Special Education, School of Education at the University of Guam was accepted to the Fulbright specialist candidate roster by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. The Roster is a list of all approved candidates who are eligible to be matched with incoming program requests from overseas academic institutions for Fulbright Specialists.



Fee

Fee is recognized for his expertise in deafness and will provide a series of two-week training and technical assistance workshops in the Philippines in October 2011 and January and April of 2012 as a Fulbright Specialist. He will train teachers and volunteers to work with deaf infants from birth to three using the John Tracy Clinic Early Intervention program. The Fulbright Specialist Program covers all three two-week training and consultation sessions.

In July 2011, the Philippine government passed a law man-

dating newborn screening for deafness; however, they did not create an early intervention system once the diagnosis was made. Families must currently wait at least, 4-5 years for educational assistance.

The workshops Fee will lead will assist his colleagues at the Fulbright host institution of the University of Santo Tomas and other partners to create an early intervention system for deaf infants and children throughout the Philippines.

The Fulbright Specialist Program promotes linkages between U.S. academics and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas. (UOG)

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Dipattamenton I Tano' Pupbliku**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 011 L 01, containing an area of approximately 735,023 square meters, more or less, situated in Unai Dangkulu, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.
- ii. The lessee is Suwaso Corporation, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Chairman), and Phillip Mendiola-Long.
- iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.
- iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating and maintaining a golf course and cottage type resort and related facilities.

The term of the lease agreement extensions is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the properties.

- v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- vi. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 10, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTSIA PUT MAPROPONIN INEKSTENDIN INATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamenton Tanu' Pupbliku guini ha nā'i notisia ni intesin-fā para u rekumenda i inekstenden inatkilon gi pumalu na tānu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Isla Marianas siha. Esti na inekstenden atkilon siha manmasuhetu para i inaprueban i Lehislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas gi sigun ni mamānda ni mapega huyung gi Attikil XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusio i Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha hāyi na petsona siha gi halum i pupbliku siha generāt siha ha na'hālum i imfotmasion, opīñon, pat testamofūn kinentra siha gi tinhaguen propositu siha ni para i atkilon tānu' pupbliku. Sigi mās mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimānda ni debi na u mapupblika.

- i. I lugāt atkilon siha madeskribi komu tano' pupbliku Lot No. 011 L 01, kinonsisti ārian kāsi guaha 735,023 square meters, putlumenus mās, ni gaige gi Inai Dāngkulu, Saipan. I kopian i pumalu na lugāt gaigi na gumiuhu gi Dipattamenton Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimentu.
- ii. I manatikikila i Suwaso Corporation. I Kuetpon i Direktot siha gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Kabesiyo) yan si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

I Presidenti yan Treasurer gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto. I sigundu Presidenti si Vincent DLG. Torres. I Sekritāri si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

- iii. I maproponi na ekstension atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Vincent DLG. Torres.
- iv. I manatikikila debi na u kontinua umusa i lugāt siha uniku para i hinangai i operasian yan maintaining golf course yan cottage type resort yan mana'achuli' na fasilitāt siha.

I teman i kuntrātan atkilon ha ekstendi gi 15 āñus.

I manmaproponi na āpas atkilon gi sakkan gi durāntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedāt siha.

- v. Kopian i manmaproponi na ekstension atkilon na kontrāta siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamenton Tanu' Pupbliku siha, gaige gi segundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- vi. I Sekritāri i Dipattamenton Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opīñon yan testamofūn kinentra pat tinhaguen propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat ántis di Agosto 10, 2011 gi ufisinan Dipattamenton Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaige Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL EBWE SÓBWEYLÓ AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (a) me (b) mellól Public Law 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha e tipáli bwe ebwe tingóór bwe extension reel akkilon mereel eghus falúweer toulap mewóöl Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Faluw Kka Efáng Marianas. Lease extension yeel ebwe alúghulúghlo mereel Téél Faluw Kka Marianas Commonwealth Legislature sánigi llól mandate e towow mellól Article XI, § 5(c) llól Constitution-ul Téél Faluw Kka Efáng Marianas. Reet toulap schóókka re mwuschel rebwe issisilong yaar agsíyegh, awwewe, angingil pomwo kkaal reel akkilon-ul falúweer toulap. Me bwal Public Law 15-2, e ayoora lamal awwewe kka e fisich ngáli milikka ebwe akkateélo.

- i. Akkilonul faluw yeel nge ekke bwáárló bwe public land Lot No. 011 L 01, emmwel ebwe yooye fisabwughú eliigh me limwoor sangaras, reweigh me eluuw (735,023) square meters, elapló ngáre eghus, elo Unai Dangkulu, Seipél. Tiliighil bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyol Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Land) bwe awube ghuleey fisichy.
- ii. Schóól lessee nge Suwaso Corporation, eew CNMI Corporation. Samwoolur Board-ul Corporation yeel nge ikka, Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Samwoolul), me Phillip Mendiola-Long.
- iii. President me Treasurer reel Corporation yeel nge Yusuke Fumoto. Vice President nge Vincent DLG. Torres. Secretary nge Phillip Mendiola-Long.
- iv. Schóól awwewel pomwol lease extension yeel nge Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.
- v. Schóól lessee ebwe kke yálii bwuley reel mwóghutu me ayoora golf course me tapal cottage resort me akkáaw akkayúú.
- vi. Term-il abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweyló akkilon yeel nge seigh me limwoor (15) ráagh.
- vii. Pomwol annual rental ghal term nge ebwe férre mereel percentage-il appraised fair market value reel properties kkaal.
- viii. Tiliighil ngáre kopiyal pomwol abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweyló akkilon yeel emmwel ebwe bweibwogh mellól bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Land), elo 2nd floor mereel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor mereel Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyol.
- ix. Samwoolur Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, angingi me ngáre ifa mereel pomwo kkaal sánigi schóókka re tipáli wóöl me ngáre mmwal Elútwe (August) 10, 2011 mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Lands offices) elo Seipél, Luuta, me ngáre Tchúlúyol.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW11-IFB-015

LAOLAO BAY DRIVE STREAM CROSSINGS AND BOLLARDS

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are soliciting sealed bids for the construction of Laolao Bay Drive Stream Crossings and Bollards, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This project is funded by an American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) grant administered by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The project consists, in general, of improvement of six (6) stream crossings at specified locations, and installation of 250 linear feet of bollard-and-cable type barriers in four (4) locations along the public beach area of Laolao Bay, and other related work, all in accordance with the plans, specifications, and terms of the contract.

The project package will be available on CD-ROM on or after **August 9, 2011** at the DEQ main office, Gualo Rai Center, Gualo Rai, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package at DEQ. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill. Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. This federally funded project; as such, local preference is not available because its use is prohibited by federal law granting funding for this project.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **August 25, 2011**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the main DEQ conference room (second floor). Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 31, 2011** to **Mr. Frank M. Rabauliman Director, Division of Environmental Quality, Gualo Rai Center, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan, MP 96950-1304**. Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or if the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Frank M. Rabauliman Director, Division of Environmental Quality, Gualo Rai Center, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan, MP 96950-1304**. The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW11-IFB-015". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 5, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 5, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 5, 2011**, and must be received no later than **September 14, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 19, 2011**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **September 8, 2011**. For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC). The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIC §70-30, 3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Fifty (150)** calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date. All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **MARTIN C. SABLAN**
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director of Procurement & Supply

/s/ **FRANK M. RABAULIMAN**
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Avoiding ‘victor’s justice’ in Egypt

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Hosni Mubarak, the longtime president of Egypt and personification of corruption in that country, went on trial Wednesday in a televised proceeding that promises rich drama. What it may not promise is a fair trial, a goal of little interest to some Egyptians but vital to Egypt's claim to be a civilized state. The military authorities who now rule Egypt pending formation of a civilian government should make every effort to ensure that Mubarak is fairly tried on charges of corruption and of killing civilians during the insurrection that ousted him.

The corruption charges allege mind-boggling self-dealing, suggesting that the former president hid a fortune of at least \$470 million in international bank accounts. But there are questions about whether evidence exists to convict him. Prosecutors must be scrupulous about making their case, and if the evidence is lacking, the court should so rule.

Much more serious is the charge of murdering some 800 protesters. It is perfectly appropriate, desirable in fact, that Mubarak be tried for that offense. Like other regimes threatened by the Arab Spring—notably that of Moammar Gadhafi—Mubarak's government was willing to shed innocent blood in the cause of self-preservation. That is a crime as well as a political act, but the prosecution should be required to prove that Mubarak was personally aware of his armed forces' attacks on civilians.

It's in Egypt's interest that a verdict in Mubarak's trial, particularly if it is accompanied by a death sentence, not look like a case of “victor's justice,” a description that applies to the trial and execution of Saddam Hussein and those of other fallen despots. Such reservations troubled even some observers of the Nuremberg Trials at the conclusion of World War II.

Egypt has a venerable legal system derived in part from European systems of justice. It is supposed to be free of politics, but prosecutors announced the charges before a major demonstration, seemingly playing to the crowd. Some Egyptians fear that the court, out of habitual deference to the former leader, will favor Mubarak in its rulings. That would be objectionable, but so would be actions designed to curry favor with anti-Mubarak Egyptians.

A central principle of the state envisioned by many of those who rose up against Mubarak is due process of law. That should apply even in the case of a hated dictator. The only acceptable show trial is one that shows Egypt's legal system to be immune to politics.



Deal traps Obama into helplessness on jobs creation

In dysfunctional Washington, this is what passes for a major achievement:

The Republicans snatch Uncle Sam and threaten to drive him over the cliff. In response, President Obama agrees to pay a historic ransom. To please the hostage-takers, he ushers in a new era of fiscal austerity that will make it virtually impossible for the government to address what the American people want most.

Namely, jobs.

On Tuesday, while hailing the convoluted deal that allows America to keep paying its bills and avoid deadbeat status, Obama briefly mentioned the issue. Down in the seventh paragraph of his prepared remarks, he said he would “continue also to fight” for “new jobs.” That was something, at least. When the deal was first announced, the White House fact sheet said virtually nothing about job creation. The House Republicans’ seven-page deal document said nothing.

No surprise there. Because you can't exactly stimulate job growth if you're slashing \$3 trillion in federal spending, essentially removing all of that money from the economy. Obama, having weathered the ginned-up debt-ceiling crisis, is again declaring that he wants to “put America back to work,” but those words are hollow. He's handcuffed by this deal. He and the Democrats won't have the money to launch any big job-creation programs even if they muster the will to try.

Of course, that's precisely what the Republicans intended—to starve the government. Most Americans probably don't agree with that strategy, but since when do they have a say? Polls suggest they just want to get back to work, by any means possible. Last month, when Gallup asked people to name their most important issue, 31 percent cited the “economy in general”; 27 percent cited “unemployment/jobs.” A distant third, at 16 percent, was “federal budget deficit/debt.”

This is a time when the jobs crisis requires more government spending, not less. Consumers won't prime the economic pump, because they're still in a fetal position. Private businesses won't hire, because they're still playing it safe. There's a myth going around—brought to you by the same people who deny climate change—that the 2009 stimulus was a failure. Congressional Budget Office and Commerce Department figures say otherwise; the stimulus plan saved millions of jobs and would have created more had it been bigger.

Absent this kind of emergency help, thanks to the debt deal's austerity ethos, we're now heading toward a repeat of 1937. Some bad things happened in 1937. The Hindenburg airship exploded over New Jersey, the Phillies finished seventh, and FDR's New Deal sputtered and stalled.

Economic historians have recounted 1937 in great detail. After four years of priming the pump with government spending—and

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shrinking the jobless rate from 25 percent in 1933 to 14 percent—Roosevelt heeded conservative advice and went into austerity mode. He slashed spending and tried to balance the budget. The result? Unemployment spiked to 19 percent. End of experiment. FDR sought and received new spending in 1938, and the jobless rate subsequently dropped to 14 percent.

Republicans have tried to dismiss all this empirical evidence by insisting that the New Deal was an epic failure, that government spending didn't help the Depression economy (and by implication, that such spending can't help ours). This bid to rewrite history has sometimes bordered on the comical—such as when Michael Steele, then the GOP chairman, stated in 2009 that not only did the New Deal fail to create jobs but that “not in the history of mankind has the government ever created a job.”

He might as well have said the Earth is flat. The truth is, FDR's stimulus programs created some 15 million jobs.

For instance: The Works Progress Administration put eight million people to work. (You have surely driven on roads and flown from airports built by WPA workers.) The Civilian Conservation Corps hired 2.7 million. The Civil Works Administration employed four million. The Public Works Administration created jobs for hundreds of thousands. (Perhaps you have enjoyed the PWA's handiwork, such as the Lincoln Tunnel and Philadelphia's 30th Street Station.) And not so coincidentally, the Dow Jones average rose roughly 400 percent between 1933 and 1937.

But the current obsession with red ink—with slashing spending at a time when 26 million idled and underemployed Americans badly need help—ensures that Obama's job-creation efforts will remain largely rhetorical. This is great for the Republicans, because persistent joblessness will make Obama an easier target in 2012. It's not so great for the jobless.

Back in 1936, when the New Deal was being assailed by conservatives, Roosevelt declared: “Better the occasional faults of a government that lives in a spirit of charity than the consistent omissions of a government frozen in the ice of its own indifference.” Lamentably, we now seem poised to enter an ice age.

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Tiananman Sao Wei Yi

Idied and went to Hawaii." That's not how the standard Christian evangelical line goes but my nephew has got that sentence emblazoned on one of his T-shirts being hawked on eBay, (the original version had "Heaven" crossed out and replaced with "Hawaii"). The fact that it is not selling well may mean that our brethren and sisters of the faith do not find humor in making a pun and fun of the traditional Easter line.

The words on our title, Tiananman, "safe sky door" (or Heaven's gate as applied to the entrance to the forbidden city in Beijing), and Sao Wei Yi, Putonghua for "Hawaii," describes our Aloha land of long ago, 1965 in my case, when I landed on an SS *President* liner on my way to school from Pea Eye to the N. A. continent. The tallest building in Waikiki Beach then was the Royal Hawaiian, now a member of the Sheraton family of hotels, with an adjacent towering structure. There is a sense in which Oahu became a suburban extension of L.A. with the east-west highway on the leeward side not unlike traffic on Pasadena heading east-west on U.S. 10 to Palm Springs.

Geography is, of course, not our intended topic for this reflection. Though it is worth noting that the new satellite city of Kapolei has grown as the city metro rail service is projected to traverse one end of the leeward side to the other, and the UH West is about to be built. Our concern is our propensity to treat tomorrow as progressing into something better than today, the hope of an inevitable forward improvement of the human condition in the evolutionary process. It is so un-American to be a doomsayer; we pride ourselves as a nation of positive thinkers, if not here on earth, at least, in the promise of a just, equitable, tranquil and equaniminous heaven!

Our Christian background as a nation has given us two basic elements in our societal story: original sin at the entrance door doctrinalized in the Catholic tradition by the guilt-ridden Augustine of

the fifth century CE, and heaven at the exit door, a component of the Egyptian escape into the pie-in-the-sky imagery enshrined in Alexandria. In the Middle Ages, Thomas de Aquino added a third in his *Summa Theologica*, defining the interaction between the two as the rule of the mysterious and awesome supernatural realm over the natural order.

It is the metaphors in this story that have guided the conduct of Western civilization since the empires appropriated "the cross and the empty tomb," and as the American empire wades and fades under the weight of its own skepticism of the prevalent orthodoxy, its remnants decay in the sunset of its years.

We are steeped in the traditions both of the Roman Catholic Church (mother) and Midwest American Methodist Missions (father), and gaining academic knowledge of both at a theological seminary and school of religion, so whatever critique we might raise on both metaphorical systems stem from an insider rather than an outsider.

Last Sunday, we attended a plebian Methodist worship service at the foyer of the Kapolei High School campus, an experience that pleasantly threw us back to the days of our youth when our sociality was defined by church fellowship. Two months before, we attended an English Mass in Shenyang where the Chinese priest chanted the prayers, awakened memories of the monastic Thomas Merton and the practices of silence in the Abbey of Gethsemane.

Part of what we see as an irrelevance in the religious practices of both is converting the word "Christ" as the family name of Jesus rather than the role he played, witnessed by his followers who wrote of his memory two generations after he was crucified. "Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior" is a liturgical formula defining one's piety. Jesus is the historical figure (Yoshua Ibn Nazareth), Christos (Messiah) was his role, Lord was his status in the royalty-prone social stratification of Europe's Middle Ages, and Savior is the existential

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meaning of the vocational impact to his disciples.

The focus on Jesus the historical figure in Christian iconography dominates common piety and it is anything but worship-full; it is, in fact, idolatrous. In the modern creedal affirmation of the Methodist Church, one of the lines is "...this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth." Demythologized, that means that a Christian called to follow Jesus is a mini-Christ to the time and location of his/her discipleship.

Focused on Jesus, we create idolatrous practices idolizing a pseudo-historical figure, Methodists and many others do. Focused on the service of love, we stand the chance of creating a genuine fellowship of those who care and who serve others (the "neighbor" in Biblical language) to manifest the "kingdom of God."

Alas, the idolatry of Jesus is rampant at houses of Christian worship on Saipan (except perhaps, Manalos and Mormons). Some may have replaced physical icons with mental ones, but they are still icons subject to religious idolatry.

Well, we did not die and came to Hawaii. We came to Hawaii and was reminded of our constant need to die to our illusions, religious and/or otherwise. Not surprisingly, Tiananman's angelic chorus cried out: Amen!

Letters to the Editor

Casino: Short-term gain with long-term pain

It saddens my heart whenever I hear about the Saipan casino proposal. It does not take a very educated man or woman to see the positive and negative effects on the economy if a casino is built and casino-style gambling is brought to the island. I'm sitting here wondering how and why our local government thinks a casino would be good for a sustainable economy. So with my common sense I came up with a few positive impacts on the economy if the casino proposal goes forward.

Sure the building portion or renovation of existing buildings into casinos would employ some for a short time in the construction industry. After being built or renovated, the casinos would create jobs for people as dealers for a variety of games, create more food industry jobs, and hotel and hospitality positions.

The negative impact is really not that hard to contemplate. Where are the gamblers going to come from to play the variety of games at the casinos? Is not that the revenue? I mean how can any outside investor think that a population of 60,000+ with over half making \$5.50 or less could support a casino? Let alone our local government, who is already having financial trouble with public assistance programs, sustainable utility costs, and educational funding?

The economy does not need a casino. It needs leaders that understand that, to build an economy you need an industry. Tourism is not a sustainable industry and neither is a casino. Both are season-based economical revenues at best. With the world's economies and the current U.S. credit down grade, how can the local government even be contemplating such a devastating decision? We are about to hit a depression, not a recession! With much of the island already living below the U.S. standard for poverty how can we support a casino? I guess the employees would be putting their paychecks right back into the casino. The community would be spending what little money they had on going to gamble in hopes of winning big. What about feeding our families? Where would that money come from?

The government just said they are having trouble in bringing in the needed food stamps to support community members who need food. They just cut the educational grants given to students. I mean,

are the casino owners going to pay for food for the economy and give a multi-million dollar donation every six months to the Public School System and NMC? The federally funded programs are all about to end in just a short time.

Also, what do you think is going to happen with crime? Many of the employees at these casinos are going to start skimming, organized crime will rise, prostitution will get out of control, drug abuse will rise, and violent crimes will rise! Why? Because Saipan has no way to regulate these areas with the current law enforcement numbers it has, let alone the personal integrity of the agency constantly under scrutiny for drug abuse and corruption.

We need to bring interest to the island from some large companies that produce products and have manufacturing plants or distribu-

tion centers that serve the U.S. and Asian economies and have them build them right here on island. We need to do this by attracting them with our low wage and bringing down our utility cost and giving them a break on land leases. In return you leave an open avenue for an educational tax and tax break if these companies build on island and donate funds to the Public School System. This would bring a sustainable economy for the entire island by creating jobs and revenue that will exist when the tourist season has passed. This island cannot go forward with a casino! It would bring short-term gain and long-term pain!

Nathan J. Carrick

Capital Hill, Saipan

production (with half the trees).

Until Mr. Cabrera and NMC-CREES can convince farmers of better cultural methods, insect and disease control methods and security from theft methods, there will be little increase in production or profitability for these farmers. I have witnessed most betel nut trees on Tinian and Saipan are not producing anywhere near the 200-plus nuts per bunch that is the accepted norm in other more advanced production regions.

One more thing: Mr. Cabrera's production sales figures given were quite misleading—unless the reporter made an error. He states (correctly) that a betel nut tree can produce 5 or 6 bunches a year (more like 4 on Saipan and Tinian) and that each bunch can bring in up to \$75, assuming he is referring to the "typical" bunch produced on Saipan, which is actually far smaller than a "typical" bunch in other areas of the world. At this rate, a healthy tree will produce about \$375 per year and 20 trees would bring in about \$7,500 per year. In actuality, 20 trees on Saipan or Tinian currently result in a yearly income of about \$4,000—at best. Even with the best cultural practices and the healthiest trees the \$100,000 per month quoted by Mr. Cabrera is completely unreasonable and I find it hard to believe the figure was quoted correctly. He further states that \$400 to \$500 worth of betel nuts is stolen "each time." Perhaps so, but at that rate, a thief would have to steal at least six bunches per raid. However, his point is well taken: We must find a way to not only deter theft but to also change the way farmers cultivate this valuable crop.

Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.

Winter Haven, FL

Betel nut theft

As a former long-time resident of Tinian, I have witnessed a lot of events in the betel nut industry. Theft is not new and has been an ongoing problem for many years; it's just that now the problem seems to be on steroids and the "acceptable" losses of years past are no longer tolerable. As Mr. Isidoro Cabrera stated, the betel nut industry in the CNMI can be a very profitable agricultural industry—if the trees are managed properly. It is extremely unfortunate that cultural practices on existing farms are generally not conducive to high yields. Better production and healthier trees have actually been problematic on Saipan or Tinian due especially to current practices along with pressure from insects, diseases and even thieves.

Part of that problem has been the lack of skilled professional involvement with farmers in order to modify certain cultural practices that remain detrimental to good betel nut production and a reticence on the part of many farmers to yield traditional culture to more scientific methods. NMC-CREES has tried by offering educational programs and outreach systems, but these are rarely followed once CREES' representatives leave the farm. I speak from first-hand experience. During my time on Tinian, I was called upon many times by farmers who asked for advice from my experience as a horticulturist. I supplied specialty fertilizers at nominal cost and gave advice freely. But when a farmer was told he should cut down half his trees, the advice suddenly became untenable even though research had shown that this alone could result in a 200 percent increase in a particular fields'

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. South winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 88 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Majuro	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 50
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 75
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 94 ▼ 80
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 71
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92 ▼ 79
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 50
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Rome	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 66
Salem	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 55
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 79
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 93 ▼ 75

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:01 AM	6:44 PM	Today	2:57 PM	1:32 AM
Wednesday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM	Wednesday	3:52 PM	2:29 AM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:43 PM	Thursday	4:42 PM	3:26 AM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Friday	5:28 PM	4:22 AM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Saturday	6:11 PM	5:15 AM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

C09314 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5

SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

C09315 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C09317 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

C09315 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP

C09313 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6

C09313 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

5K382 8:45pm 9:35pm 2, 5, 7

C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily

C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

C09315 5:30am 6:00am 1, 5

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)

C09314 3:20am 3:55am 1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

C09314 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP

C09316 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

C09596 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6

C09596 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C09600 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

5K389 1:35pm 2:25pm 1, 4, 6

C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily

C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

0Z119 4:00am 6:40am Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily

DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606 2:20am 6:00am 1

0Z606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

0Z119 4:00am 11:25am Daily via KIX

0Z604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

0Z603 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7

0Z120 7:10pm 2:20am+1 Daily via KIX

0Z605 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7

0Z605 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

0Z704/603 12:10am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7

via ICN

Business

Economy, not debt rating, will send markets lower

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. investors will have their first chance Monday to react to Standard & Poor's decision to strip the U.S. government of its top credit rating. But the bigger issues facing Wall Street and stock markets worldwide remain debt-ridden countries in Europe and concerns that the global economy is weakening.

Friday's first-ever downgrade of U.S. long-term debt from AAA to AA+ wasn't unexpected and may have little impact on interest rates. But it's the kind of news that stock markets don't need when investors are already nervous.

Even before the downgrade, the Dow Jones industrial average last week fell nearly 700 points, or 6 percent. Investors were worried because economic signals in the U.S. and overseas were pointing toward trouble:

—On July 29, the government dramatically lowered its estimate of how much the economy grew during the first quarter. It had said the economy grew at an annual rate of 1.3 percent, but revised that number down to 0.4 percent. Second-quarter growth was also weak, a 1.3 percent rate.

■ European officials are trying to help Italy—the world's eighth-largest economy—avoid the kind of bailouts that Greece, Portugal and Spain were forced to accept to prevent them from defaulting on their debt. And those bailouts haven't solved all the problems in those countries.

■ The first reports on the economy during the third quarter have been mixed. Manufac-

turing, which helped pull the economy out of the recession, fell to its weakest level since July 2009—the month after the recession officially ended. The Labor Department said 117,000 jobs were created last month. But that came after 99,000 jobs were created in May and June combined—and 250,000 new jobs are needed each month to reduce unemployment.

As a result, financial analysts interviewed Sunday said they expect markets to be volatile this week—and beyond.

"We are in uncharted territory and, therefore, should all brace for volatility over a number of days if not weeks," said Mohamed El-Erian, CEO and co-chief investment officer of the bond mutual fund company PIMCO.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said he expected the downgrade to cause a selloff Monday. "There's a lot of fear and misunderstanding and confusion, and that all could come out in the stock and bond markets. I don't think it takes much to unnerve investors given the current environment. I think anything could drive investors to sell given how fragile sentiment is," he said.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday, expects the selling to last for some time. "It is very unlikely that (this) isn't going to take a while to bottom out," he said.

The reason: "It depends on Europe, not the United States," Greenspan said. "The United



In this Aug. 4, 2011 photo, a job seeker enters a career job fair in Arlington, Va. The Labor Department announced Friday, Aug. 5, 2011 that hiring picked up slightly in July and the unemployment rate dipped to 9.1 percent as employers added 117,000 jobs.

AP

States was actually doing relatively well, sluggish but going forward until Italy ran into trouble." He said that half of U.S. corporations operate in Europe, and that the region "has been a very important driving force in the overall earnings of U.S. corporations."

The Dow fell 513 points on Thursday alone after concerns about Italy's problems were compounded by anxiety ahead of Friday's jobs report from the Labor Department. That report came in better than expected; the economy got 117,000 new jobs in July. But it wasn't enough to calm investors. The Dow has fallen nearly 10 percent in two weeks—a period that included the budget debate that averted a default on U.S. debt.

Greenspan noted that S&P had "hit a nerve" with its downgrade. The ratings agency said it was lowering the U.S. rating not just because of the country's debt load, but because S&P doesn't believe Congress has the ability to resolve the country's debt problems. And it warned that another downgrade could be forthcoming.

On Saturday, David Beers, S&P's global head of sovereign ratings, said his agency was concerned about "the degree of uncertainty about the political policy process" in Washington.

Geithner: S&P showed terrible judgment

WASHINGTON (AP)—The credit rating agency Standard & Poor's showed "terrible judgment" in lowering the U.S. government's credit rating, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Sunday.

"They've handled themselves very poorly. And they've shown a stunning lack of knowledge about the basic U.S. fiscal budget math," Geithner said in his first public comments about the credit rating decision.

Interviewed on CNBC, Geithner said that U.S. Treasury securities were just as safe now as they were before S&P an-

nounced its downgrade. He predicted that China and investors would remain strong purchasers of U.S. government debt.

Republicans have blamed President Barack Obama for the first-ever downgrade of the government's credit rating.

But Geithner said Congress owns the credit rating because the Constitution gives Congress the power to tax and spend.

Late Friday, S&P announced it was lowering its rating for U.S. debt one notch from AAA to AA+.

The other two major credit rating agencies, Moody's Investor

service and Fitch Ratings, have not lowered their AAA ratings, although they have warned of a possible downgrade if more is not done to deal with soaring federal deficits.

The rating agencies were sharply criticized after the 2008 financial crisis for continuing to give top ratings to securities backed by subprime mortgages. When the mortgages went bad, investors lost billions of dollars and the resulting financial crisis sent the country into a deeper recession.

Geithner alluded to those problems in his interview Sunday, saying about the credit agencies: "Look at the quality of judgments they've made in the past."



Geithner

45,000 Verizon landline workers strike

NEW YORK (AP)—Stalled contract negotiations led thousands of workers in Verizon Communication Inc.'s wireline division to go on strike Sunday, potentially affecting landline operations as well as installation of services like FiOS, its fiber-optic television and Internet lines.

The contract for the 45,000 employees from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C., expired at midnight Saturday with the company and the workers unable to come to terms on issues including health care costs and pensions.

Verizon offers landline service in Connecticut, California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas and Virginia.

The dispute does not affect the company's wireless division. Verizon is the nation's largest wireless carrier.

Verizon employees who are members of the Communication Workers of America union picketed headquarters in New York City on Sunday morning,



Verizon workers picket in front of the company's headquarters, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, in New York.

wearing red and holding signs with messages including "CWA on strike for middle-class jobs."

Vinnie Galvin, 56, said he and his fellow workers are the backbone of the industry. "Everybody needs to be wired and we're the people who do that," said the three-decades-plus veteran of the company.

"They're trying to bust us. This is stuff that it took us 40, 50 years to get."

The affected workers are re-

sponsible for maintaining and repairing traditional landlines, as well as installing FiOS, union spokesman Bob Master said.

Workers covered by the expired contract also include 10,000 represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who serve as telephone and repair technicians, customer service representatives, operators and more. Contract negotiations began June 22.

New York-based Verizon has

196,000 workers; 135,000 are non-union.

The company is asking for changes in the contract because it says its wireline business has been in decline for more than a decade as more people switch to using cellphones exclusively. It had 25 million landlines at the end of the second quarter, down from 26 million at the end of 2010. It has been selling off some of its landlines to other phone companies.

"It's not reflective of today's marketplace," Verizon spokesman Rich Young said of the contract. "Our union employees pay nothing toward their health care premiums. That's virtually unheard of."

Master said the company wanted worker concessions at a time when it was making billions in profits and top executives were making millions in salary.

"We have never seen such a sweeping attack on the quality of life of our members," he said. "This is an unprecedented and in our opinion completely unjustified attack on middle-class jobs."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Iran's oil minister: Replace foreign oil companies

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's new oil minister says he wants the Revolutionary Guard's economic conglomerate to replace foreign gas and oil companies, the official IRNA news agency reported. The minister, Rostam Qasemi, had been the chief of the economic conglomerate until his appointment last week to the government post. The economic conglomerate, Khatam ol-Anbiya, is the Revolutionary Guard's most important economic unit and is the largest contractor of government projects including major oil and gas projects.

G-7 countries seek to reassure markets

WASHINGTON (AP)—Finance officials from major industrial countries, seeking to calm nervous global markets, are pledging increased cooperation to attack economic problems. Finance officials from the Group of Seven industrial countries issued a joint statement late Sunday saying they were committed to taking all necessary measures to support financial stability and growth. The G-7 statement came after the group held an emergency conference call to discuss the debt crisis in Europe and market prospects following the announcement of the first-ever downgrade of the credit rating of the U.S. government.

Buffett's Berkshire bids \$3.25B for Transatlantic

NEW YORK (AP)—A unit of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. has bid \$3.25 billion for insurer Transatlantic Holdings. Berkshire's National Indemnity Co. is offering \$52 per share in cash for Transatlantic. That tops the price the company would get in its agreement to be bought by Allied World Assurance Co. In a letter released by Transatlantic on Sunday, National Indemnity said its offer isn't subject to due diligence or financing conditions. The company said it wants a formal response from Transatlantic no later than the close of business Monday.

Nation

Police: 8 killed in Ohio, gunman among dead

COPLEY, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio man apparently angry with his girlfriend gunned down two people outside a home and two more in a car Sunday morning, then chased down another victim in a shooting rampage that left eight dead, including the gunman, who was shot by police, authorities and witnesses said.

Two others were wounded. A child was among those shot, witnesses said, though police wouldn't confirm that. The gunman killed seven people in three places and was shot elsewhere, Copley police Chief Michael Mier said.

A neighbor, Gilbert Elie, was getting ready for church when he heard gunshots. He went outside and found a woman in a driveway who'd been shot and a man shot near a garage, and a woman and girl in a vehicle who were wounded, he told The Associated Press. Then a woman came out of the house next door and tried to talk to Elie, he said, but her boyfriend followed and shot her. Elie ran for safety behind a truck and didn't see what happened next.

The names and ages of the victims and the gunman



Several hundred people attend a prayer vigil, following a multiple death shooting in Copley Twp. a suburb of Akron, Ohio, Sunday.

tween the gunman and his girlfriend, according to neighbor Kim Dietz. The gunman chased the son, who escaped by wading through a swamp and made his way to Dietz's home, she told the Plain-Dealer of Cleveland.

Goodwin did not know the conditions of the wounded. Investigators were "still putting things together" as they work the crime scenes, he said.

He gave no more details, including how the shooter and victims were related, their names or what led to the argument.

"That's still under investigation," he said.

Jeff Kirby of nearby Norton said he was visiting his mother's home a block from the shootings around 10:30 a.m. when he heard gunfire—about 15 shots with several pauses between them.

Kirby, 53, said the last gunfire he heard occurred about the same time he heard sirens in the neighborhood.

The neighborhood remained blocked off by police Sunday.

Copley Township is a town of about 14,000 people outside Akron, about 40 miles south of Cleveland in northeast Ohio.

weren't being released until police could tell family mem-

bers, some of whom are out of state, said Copley police Sgt. Eric Goodwin.

The son of one victim said a child was among those shot and that the argument started be-

Former Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon dies at age 89

PORTRLAND, Ore. (AP)—Former Sen. Mark Hatfield, an outspoken critic of war whose liberal views often put him at odds with fellow Republicans but endeared him to Oregonians, died Sunday. He was 89.

Hatfield, who had become increasingly frail in recent years, died at a Portland residence, said Gerry Frank, a longtime friend and former aide. The former senator's death was first reported by The Oregonian newspaper.

Also a former governor, Hatfield was the longest serving U.S. senator in Oregon history, serving five terms from 1967 to 1997. He gained fame for key efforts against American involvement in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf war, but also spoke in favor of President George W. Bush's decision to invade Iraq.

Hatfield was one of the most popular politicians in Oregon history—largely because of the independent streak he showed during a career that spanned five decades.

"He was a giant and the kind of senator America needs now more than ever," Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat, told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Pendleton, Ore. "He was known for his independence and his bipartisanship whether he was talking to the late Sen. Ted Kennedy or half a dozen conservative senators. He was the person who brought the Senate together on issue after issue."

Former Gov. Barbara Roberts, also a Democrat, said Hatfield "made his decisions not based on his party, but on what he believed was right thing to do."

Hatfield, she said, "gave us a role model."

One of the first American servicemen to enter Hiroshima following the atomic bombing, he once said one of his major accomplishments was helping usher through Congress a ban on U.S. nuclear weapons testing in 1987.

"Every president other than Eisenhower has



Hatfield

been seduced by the military concept that that is our sole measurement of our national security and the more bombs we build, the more secure we are," Hatfield said a decade later.

"That's just not true. We are vulnerable in our national security today and we are vulnerable in many ways we are not addressing—the needs of education, the needs of housing, the needs of nutrition, the needs of health, the needs of infrastructure."

As chairman and later ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Hatfield steered millions of dollars to public works projects in his home state. They ranged from national scenic areas and hydropower dams to the state university system and the Marine Science Center that bears his name in Newport, Ore.

"You can't travel anywhere in Oregon without seeing the difference Mark Hatfield has made," former Oregon Secretary of State Norma Paulus once said.

Hatfield was known to vote across party lines. In 1995, he was the only Republican senator to oppose a balanced budget amendment, which left it just one vote short of passing the Senate.

He also criticized the death penalty and opposed abortion, though he never actively sought to place legal limits on abortion. He said his views on both issues were based on his belief in the sanctity of life.

A devout Baptist, Hatfield frequently spoke out for the sick, the homeless and others in need of an advocate.

In a hushed congressional hearing room in 1990, he pleaded for increased money for Alzheimer's research while describing how the disease had reduced his father, a powerfully built former blacksmith, to a "vegetable."

In an effort to make his point about the death penalty in a 1991 Senate floor speech, he proposed public executions to show the "barbaric" nature of the government-sanctioned killings.

Family, friends remember fallen soldiers as heroes

Some had young children, wives and girlfriends. Others were just starting to make their way in the world.

But the brothers, fathers, sons and uncles who died when a U.S. military helicopter was shot down in eastern Afghanistan all had something in common: a love of family and country, according to friends and family members. Those who knew them said the soldiers were aware of the dangers they faced but were dedicated to their mission—even if it meant giving their lives.

Here are the stories of some of the fallen:

Patrick Hamburger planned to propose to his girlfriend, but

had a job to do first: a mission in Afghanistan.

The 30-year-old sergeant from Grand Island, Neb., had joined the Nebraska National Guard when he was a senior at Lincoln High School but had never been deployed, his brother Chris Hamburger told The Associated Press on Sunday.

"He didn't have to go, and he wanted to go because his group was getting deployed. He wanted to be there for them. That's him for you," Chris Hamburger said, adding that Patrick always looked out for his two younger brothers and friends.

He was also the kind of guy who helped his girlfriend raise

ACROSS THE NATION

San Diego officer dies; suspect left suicide note

SAN DIEGO (AP)—An officer shot in the face in an apparently unprovoked attack died Sunday, and investigators found a suicide note left by the suspect who fired the gun, San Diego's police chief said. Jeremy Henwood, a four-year veteran of the department, died a day after being shot while sitting alone in his patrol car at a San Diego intersection, Chief William Lansdowne said at an afternoon news conference at police headquarters. "I could tell you that this was a senseless killing ... this was an assassination," Lansdowne said.

Police: 4 found fatally shot in Md. home

BROOKLYN PARK, Md. (AP)—The mother of a man found shot dead along with a woman and two teenagers called police after receiving a disturbing text message from him, and as officers arrived at the home to check on the family Sunday, they heard a single gunshot, authorities said.

Neighbors said a couple and their two teenage children lived in the home where officers found the four bodies. Anne Arundel County Police did not immediately identify the people, though Lt. J.D. Batten did confirm a man, woman and two children were found. Neighbors didn't know or wouldn't give the names of the family members.

S. Vietnam's ex-leader remembered in California

WHITTIER, Calif. (AP)—Friends and family of Nguyen Cao Ky gathered in Southern California Sunday to pay their last respects to the former South Vietnamese prime minister. About 350 mourners filled the Rose Hill Memorial in Whittier, two weeks after Ky died in Malaysia at age 80 from complications linked to a lung infection. Family members solemnly filed past a photo of a young Ky in military regalia and placed flowers and incense near an urn holding his ashes. A funeral was held last week in Malaysia's capital city; his ashes were then flown to the United States.

Asia

SEALS on rescue mission killed in Afghan crash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The 30 American service members—most of them elite Navy SEALs—who died when their helicopter was shot down had rushed to help Army Rangers who had come under fire, two U.S. officials said Sunday.

The heavy loss shows that clandestine tactics carry huge risks despite the huge success of the SEAL mission that killed Osama bin Laden more than three months ago. Most of the SEALs who died Saturday were from the same unit that killed bin Laden, although none of the men took part in that mission.

The U.S.-led coalition plans to rely more on special operations missions as it reduces the overall number of combat troops by the end of 2014.

This weekend, the rescue team had subdued attackers who had pinned down the Rangers and were departing in their Chinook helicopter when the aircraft was apparently hit, one of the officials said.

Thirty Americans and eight Afghans were killed in the crash, making it the deadliest single loss for U.S. forces in the decade-long war in Afghanistan. The Rangers, special operations

forces who work regularly with the SEALs, secured the crash site in the Tangi Joy Zarin area of Wardak province, about 60 miles (97 kilometers) southwest of Kabul, the other official said.

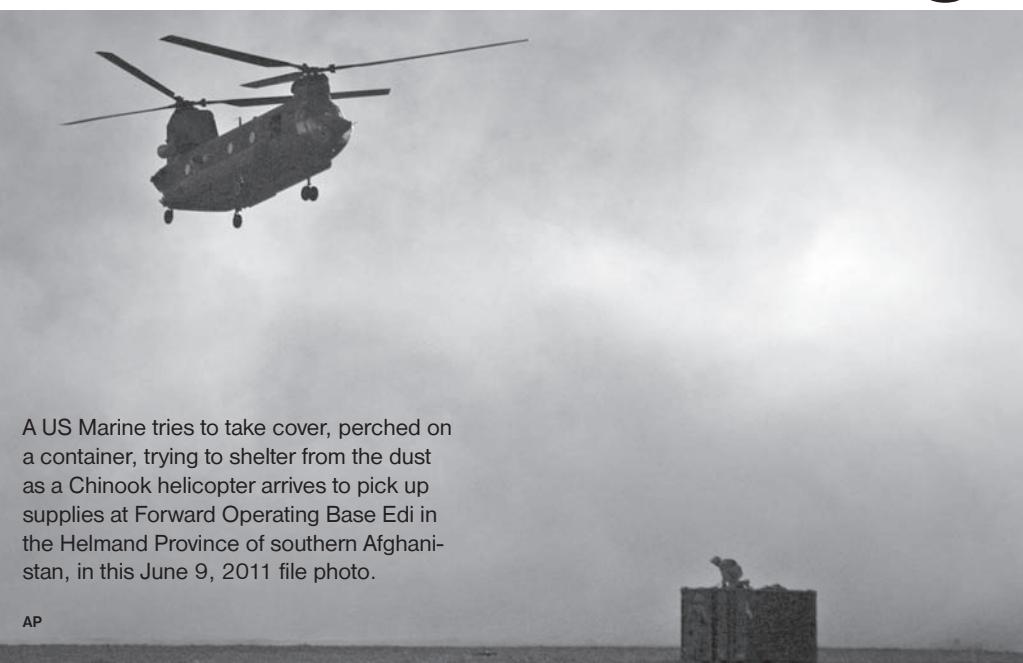
Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the event, as the investigation is still ongoing. The SEAL mission was first reported by CNN.

NATO was recovering the remains of the twin rotor Chinook helicopter. A current and a former U.S. official said the Americans included 22 SEALs, three Air Force combat controllers and a dog handler and his dog. The two spoke on condition of anonymity because military officials were still notifying the families of the dead.

All but two of the SEALs were from SEAL Team 6, the unit that killed bin Laden, U.S. officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

Eight Taliban fighters were also killed in the battle, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a statement.

Afghanistan has more U.S. special operations troops, about 10,000, than any other theater



A US Marine tries to take cover, perched on a container, trying to shelter from the dust as a Chinook helicopter arrives to pick up supplies at Forward Operating Base Edi in the Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan, in this June 9, 2011 file photo.

AP

of war. The forces, often joined by Afghan troops, are among the most effective weapons in the coalition's arsenal, conducting surveillance, infiltration and capture missions and night raids.

From April to July this year, 2,832 special operations raids captured 2,941 insurgents and killed 834, twice as many as during the same time period last year, according to NATO.

SEALs, Rangers, and other special operations troops are

expected to be the vanguard of the American military effort in Afghanistan as international military forces start pulling out. By the time combat troops plan to have left the country, the coalition will have handed control of security to the Afghan forces they have spent tens of billions of dollars arming and training.

Special operations troops are expected to remain in the country after 2014 for counterterrorism missions and advisory sup-

port. Just how many will remain has not yet been negotiated with the Afghan government, but the United States is considering from 5,000 to 20,000, far fewer than the 100,000 U.S. troops there now.

Special forces are frequently used to target insurgent commanders as part of an effort to force the Taliban's leadership to agree to a negotiated peace. The operations, mostly in the form of night raids, are often carried out by Afghan and coalition

special operations forces.

Night raids have drawn criticism from human rights activists and infuriated Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who says they anger and alienate the Afghan population.

But NATO commanders have said the raids are safer for civilians than relatively imprecise airstrikes.

As U.S. forces removed the wreckage Sunday, nearby Afghan and NATO forces battled insurgents as they carried out clearing operations in the areas around the crash site, a region that is just a stone's throw from the capital. The province, which borders Kabul, has increasingly come under Taliban control in recent months—even as the U.S.-led coalition has begun handing over security for parts of Afghanistan over to the government of President Hamid Karzai.

"There have been a small number of limited engagements in the same district" as Saturday's helicopter crash, NATO said in a statement. "However those clashes have not been in the direct vicinity of the crash site. As of now, we have no reporting to indicate any coalition casualties resulting from these engagements."

Typhoon blows past Shanghai on way to n'east China



Tourists in colorful rain coats visit the Bund, one of the most popular tourist destinations in town, in heavy rain and strong wind caused by Typhoon Muifa in Shanghai, China, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

rean peninsula already suffered heavy flooding in July that killed dozens and destroyed homes.

At 8 p.m. Sunday (1200 GMT), Muifa was centered about 210 miles (340 kilometers) southeast of Qingdao and was moving northwest about 15 miles per hour (23 kph) over the East China Sea, the Hong Kong Observatory said. Winds gusted up to 85 mph (137 kph).

South Korean authorities issued a tidal wave and flood warning along the west and south coast and said strong winds overnight could cause damage in central parts of the country, including the capital Seoul.

Yonhap news agency reported a 75-year-old man was found dead on Wando island off the peninsula's southern coast. He disappeared while trying to moor a 1-ton ship in rough seas and was found an hour later, the report said.

As Muifa skirted the coast, strong winds caused damage in Shanghai, and a 24-year-old swimmer went missing in heavy surf, Shanghai Television reported.

Transportation was disrupted by the storm. Hundreds of weekend flights were canceled in eastern China, and bus and train service was in disarray.

Outdoor activities have been canceled and rescuers placed on high alert.

Heavy rain is expected for Shandong province, as well as much of Jilin to the north which borders North Korea. The Ko-

ral defense lawyers to interview Malaysian PM

layed until Aug. 15 to allow the defense time to interview 20 people, including Prime Minister Najib Razak, to determine whether to call them to testify.

Anwar claims the government fabricated the sodomy charge that could send him to prison for 20 years. Najib has denied any conspiracy.

The trial has become a distraction for Anwar as he prepares his opposition alliance for general elections widely expect-

ed by early 2012. Najib's ruling coalition is working to regain at least a two-thirds parliamentary majority and recapture several states that Anwar's alliance wrested in 2008 polls.

The potential witnesses include Najib, his wife Rosmah Mansor and the former national police chief. Both Najib and Rosmah met Saiful shortly before Anwar was charged.

However, prosecutors have indicated that even though the prime minister and his wife will likely have to meet with Anwar's lawyers this week, they won't answer any of the defense's questions in private unless they are summoned to the witness stand for public testimony.

Anwar nevertheless said he welcomed the court's move to allow his team to interview the witnesses. "I don't believe we have had a fair trial so far, but it gives us an avenue to interview the key witnesses," Anwar told reporters.

ASIA BRIEFS

UN chief visits Japan disaster zone

TOKYO (AP)—United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has visited a shelter in Japan's disaster zone to offer support to people evacuated from their homes after a March earthquake and tsunami sent a nuclear plant into meltdown. Ban is meeting Japan's prime minister and other leaders in Tokyo after he visited an evacuation center in Fukushima city on Monday. The city is about 60 kilometers (40 miles) from the severely damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant. Tens of thousands of Japanese were forced to leave their homes when the plant suffered meltdowns, fires and radiation leaks in the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl.

Philippine marines kill 1 Abu Sayyaf in new clash

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops have killed an Abu Sayyaf gunman in a new clash with the al-Qaida-linked militants blamed for killing seven marines and wounding 26 others in a recent gunbattle. Army chief Lt. Gen. Arturo Ortiz says a soldier was wounded in the brief but fierce clash Sunday with dozens of Abu Sayyaf gunmen in mountainous Patikul town in southern Sulu province. A

Philippine military report said Monday that the militants withdrew and left behind one slain fighter. Two other militants were killed but their bodies were not recovered.

New Zealander sucked into plane engine and killed

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A 51-year-old engineer working at an airplane testing facility has been sucked into an engine and killed. Domestic carrier Air New Zealand confirmed the man was performing routine maintenance on a Lockheed C-130 Hercules airplane engine just after 8 a.m. Monday at the Woodbourne air field in Blenheim when he was sucked into the engine.

Landslide kills 7 near Malaysian hill resorts

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Police say a landslide triggered by heavy rain has killed seven Malaysian villagers at an indigenous settlement near the Cameron Highlands hill resort. A police official in central Malaysia says hundreds of searchers using tracker dogs found two survivors and recovered seven bodies. The eight-hour rescue mission ended early Monday at a village for the Orang Asli tribe that is native to peninsular Malaysia.

Lawyers for Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy trial will be allowed to interview the country's prime minister as a potential witness, Malaysia's High Court ruled Monday.

Anwar had been expected to testify this week for the first time to rebut charges that he sodomized Saiful Bukhari Azlan, a 26-year-old male former aide, in 2008. The hearing was de-

World

Syria intensifies crackdown; activists say 59 dead

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian troops fired on mourners at a funeral and raided an eastern city Sunday, killing at least 59 people in an intensifying government crackdown on protesters. Outrage was intensifying as well: Syria's Arab neighbors forcefully joined the international chorus of condemnation against President Bashar Assad's regime for the first time.

Even the king of Saudi Arabia—whose country does not tolerate dissent and lent its military troops to repress anti-government protests in neighboring Bahrain—harshly criticized the Syrian government and said he was recalling his ambassador in Damascus for consultations.

More than 300 people have died in the past week, the bloodiest in the five-month uprising against Assad's authoritarian rule. Not all were killed by bullets or tank shells: In the besieged city of Hama, where the government has cut off electricity and communications, a rights group said eight babies died because their incubators lost power.

Sunday's worst violence was in the eastern city of Deir el-Zour, where at least 42 people were killed.

"The city was bombed by all types of heavy weapons and machine gun fire before troops started entering," an activist in the city said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

"Humanitarian conditions in the city are very bad because it has been under siege for nine days," the activist said. "There is lack of medicine, baby formula, food and gasoline. The



Lebanese Muslim protesters shout anti-Syrian President Bashar Assad slogans during a rally in solidarity with the Syrian people in the northern city of Tripoli, Lebanon, Friday, Aug. 5, 2011.

city is totally paralyzed."

The government's crackdown on mostly peaceful, unarmed protesters demanding political reforms and an end to the Assad family's 40-year rule has left more than 1,700 dead since March, according to activists and human rights groups.

Assad's regime disputes the toll and blames a foreign conspiracy for the unrest, which at times has brought hundreds of thousands of protesters into the streets.

The regime intensified the crackdown a week ago on the eve of Ramadan, the holy month in which many Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, then eat festive meals and gather in mosques for special nightly prayers. The

government has been trying to prevent the large mosque gatherings from turning into more anti-government protests.

After sunset Sunday, thousands of people poured into the streets in areas around Syria, including the capital Damascus and its suburbs, the village of Dael in the south, the central city of Homs, Latakia on the Mediterranean coast and northern city of Aleppo, according to the Local Coordination Committees, a group of activists tracking the Syrian uprising. There were reports of shootings but no immediate word on casualties, according to the LCC.

Syria's crackdown had already drawn criticism and sanctions

from the U.S. and many other nations, but the latest attacks brought a new wave of condemnation. Saudi King Abdullah demanded "an end to the killing machine and bloodshed."

"Any sane Arab, Muslim or anyone else knows that this has nothing to do with religion, or ethics or morals; Spilling the blood of the innocent for any reasons or pretext leads to no path to ... hope," the king said in a statement.

Abdullah accused the Syrian government of a disproportionate response, and said it must enact speedy and comprehensive reforms to avoid a future of chaos.

The 22-member Arab League, which had been silent since the



Meeting demands

Inspired by the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia, the Syrian protests began in March with rallies calling for freedom and an end to President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

What protesters want	What Assad has offered
Fall of the regime	President Assad says he has no intention of stepping down
End to the 48-year-old emergency law	Emergency law revoked April 21; in protests the next day more than 100 killed
Release of political prisoners, detainees from protests	Amnesty offered May 31; hundreds released, but thousands still jailed and arrests continued; second amnesty June 21, details unclear
End to extrajudicial killings and torture	Troops continue to enter villages, citing need for security; hundreds held in jail
Transition to a democratic, free and pluralistic society	Decree permitting formation of opposition parties; ruling Baath party supremacy is guaranteed in the constitution
Free media	Total media blackout remains
Independent judiciary; end to extrajudicial and martial courts	Not addressed
Compensation for political exiles and missing political prisoners	Not addressed

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uprising began, said Sunday it is "alarmed" by the situation in Syria and called for the immediate halt of all violence. On Saturday, the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council criticized Syria's "use of excess force."

Turkey, which borders Syria and until recently was a close ally and a major trade partner, said Sunday it would send its foreign minister to Damascus on Tuesday to deliver a strong message against the crackdown.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his country's patience was running thin and that Turkey could not remain a bystander to the violence.

The statements signal that Arab states have lost patience

with Assad and won't be silent anymore. Sectarian divisions also play a role: Saudi Arabia is the major Sunni power in the Middle East and Syria is dominated by Assad's minority Alawite sect, which rules over a Sunni majority.

Assad has brushed off months of criticism and sanctions, blaming armed gangs for the violence, and his government's reaction to Turkey's criticism was quick.

State-run TV quoted Assad adviser Butaina Shaaban as saying that Turkey's foreign minister "will hear stronger words because of Turkey's stance that did not condemn until now the brutal killings of civilians, members of military and police."

Kenyans find unity in helping those in drought

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Hashim Mohammed Elmogo spontaneously decided to donate his entire July salary of \$376 to help those suffering from hunger after seeing a scrolling headline on television about a young child trying to nurse from his dead mother.

"I am very touched by the images of starving children and emaciated women," says the 36-year-old police constable. "We need to do all we can to ease the situation and save our fellow Kenyans."

LONDON (AP)—New unrest erupted on north London's streets late Sunday, a day after rioting and looting in a deprived area amid community anger over a fatal police shooting.

Police deployed extra officers on London's streets to prevent a repeat of Saturday's violence in north London's Tottenham area, which appeared to be quiet Sunday night. But disturbances broke out in Enfield, about 5

friends who heard of his generosity have since pledged to support him financially through the month of August.

Three years ago, postelection violence led Kenya to the brink of civil war and left the country divided along tribal lines more than ever before.

Now in a show of unity, ordinary Kenyans—majority of whom live on less than a \$2 a day—have contributed more than \$1.3 million in a little over a week. Corporate donations to the "Kenyans for Kenya" drive

brought in another \$4 million for the relief effort.

While famine in neighboring Somalia has killed tens of thousands, there have been hunger-related deaths in Kenya as well. At least five people have died in Turkana, the hardest hit area located in northern Kenya near the border with Ethiopia.

Joseph Kimeu, 31, a driver for a non-governmental organization, donated \$1 to the fundraising effort.

"The way I see those kids they are like my kids," he says.

"If my kids are eating and I see another kid starving I feel like it's not good for a human being. Especially if you are a Kenyan, I feel it is still my family. They are my family too and that's why I gave."

Critics accuse the Kenyan government of being slow to respond. Kenya's well-paid legislators—who include government ministers—are preoccupied fighting a move by Kenya's tax authority ordering them to pay back taxes for their hefty allowances.

Yemeni president leaves Saudi hospital

SANA'A, Yemen (AP)—Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh has left a hospital in Saudi Arabia more than two months after being severely wounded in an attack on his palace compound in Sanaa, Yemen's state news agency said Sunday. A Yemeni government official said that Saleh, who checked out of a hospital in the Saudi capital Saturday, has officially asked Saudi authorities to return to Yemen along with a medical team. His request appears to have been turned down, at least for now, the official said. The ailing president moved from the hospital to a Saudi government residence in the city to further recuperate, Yemen's SABA state news agency said.

World's tallest tower to go up in Saudi in 5 years

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—The investment company headed by Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal says it plans to complete the world's tallest tower in just over five years time. The Kingdom Holding Co. did not say Sunday when work would begin on the Kingdom Tower. The \$1.2 billion tower will be roughly two-thirds of a mile (1 kilometer) high. It is part of a \$20 billion mega project on the outskirts of the Red Sea city of Jiddah.

Rome mayor: Colosseum device a false alarm

ROME (AP)—A suspicious device that forced the evacuation of the Colosseum on Sunday turned out to be a false alarm, Rome's mayor said. The Colosseum was evacuated about an hour before the site was scheduled to close after tourists saw a suspicious device inside. "It's a false alarm, a joke in bad taste," Rome Mayor Gianni Alemanno told Sky News 24. "It seemed like it could be a bomb, but in reality it could not explode." Alemanno said the Colosseum would open as usual on Monday.

New unrest in north London a night after rioting

miles (8 kilometers) north of Tottenham. TV footage showed riot and mounted police patrolling the streets, and there were also images of smashed shop windows, and police with dogs detaining at least one man.

A peaceful protest against the killing of a 29-year-old man in Tottenham degenerated into a Saturday night rampage, with rioters torching a double-decker bus, destroying patrol cars and

trashing a shopping mall in the nearby Wood Green district.

In Enfield, there were reports that a police car was vandalized, and Sky News television reported that several hundred young people were on the streets causing trouble, with footage showing a looted pharmacy.

"We do have extra resources out tonight on duty across the capital," police commander Christine Jones said. "We are

carefully monitoring any intelligence and ensuring we have our resources in the right places. No one wants to see a repeat of the scenes that we witnessed last night in Tottenham."

In Saturday's violence, several buildings were set ablaze. TV footage showed the double-decker bus in a fireball and mounted police charging through the streets trying to restore order.

Focus

Mubarak moral to Arab rulers: Fight hard Ousted leaders on trial

By HAMZA HENDAWI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO (AP)—Facing tenacious uprisings, the leaders of Syria, Libya and Yemen must have thought of their own possible fates when they saw their one-time peer Hosni Mubarak in a defendants cage, on trial for charges that could carry a death sentence.

For the three authoritarian Arab leaders, the choices are limited: Cling to power at any cost, negotiate immunity or find a foreign haven.

All those options make it harder to resolve their countries' turmoil peacefully.

Syria's Bashar Assad, Libya's Moammar Gadhafi and Yemen's Ali Abdullah Saleh are likely to step up violence, judging that they must wipe out the uprisings against them to ensure their own protection. If negotiations do occur, then they are even more certain than before to demand that any deal include immunity or safe exile. And their opponents, more determined than ever to see their leaders in the same dock as Mubarak, may be less likely to accept those conditions.

"That's the lesson Arab leaders have learned: Mubarak gave up too easily (and) without a fight," said Shadi Hamid, director of research at the Brookings Doha Center in Qatar. "They think Mubarak was soft."

Mubarak stepped down Feb. 11 after an 18-day uprising that left 850 protesters dead. Assad, Gadhafi and Saleh show no sign of giving up power even after several months of bloody internal strife.

As Mubarak's trial opened Wednesday, Syrian forces stepped up an already ferocious assault to crush protesters in the city of Hama in a campaign that has killed at least 100 people this week.

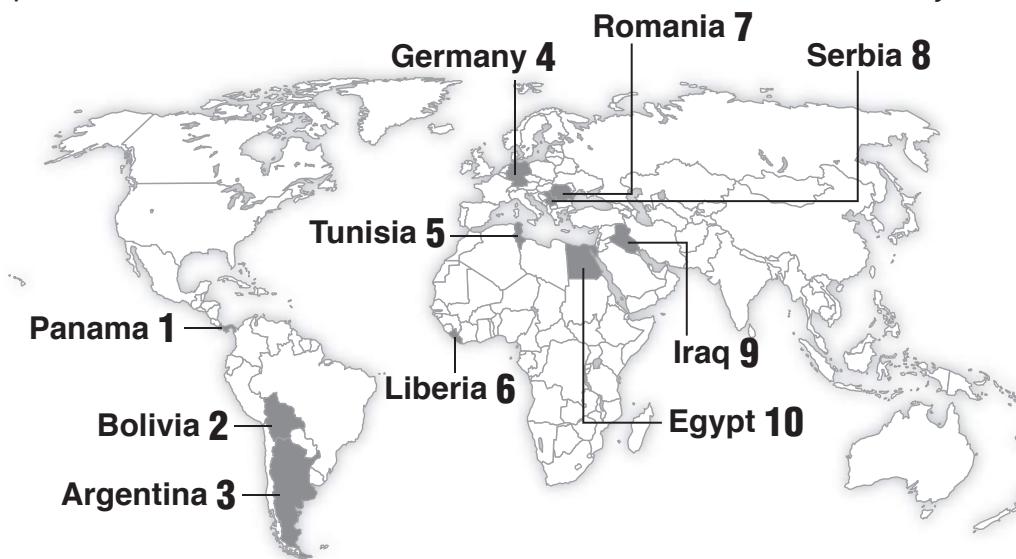
The governments of other Arab nations were clearly unsettled by the message sent by Mubarak's trial that long-unquestioned leaders can be punished.

Many state television stations around the region, particularly the kingdoms of the Gulf, did not have live broadcasts of Wednesday's historic, four-hour opening session of the Mubarak trial. Syrian state TV showed children's shows. Channels in the United Arab Emirates stuck to typical programming of the holy month of Ramadan—old movies and soap operas.

Still, on pan-Arab satellite stations like Al-Jazeera, their citizens could follow every moment of the trial and the images of the ailing, 83-year-old Mubarak in his hospital bed in the courtroom cage.

"Throughout the Arab world, we will see citizens relieved to see a fair trial of a former

Former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is on trial for conspiring to kill protesters. Other overthrown leaders who faced trial in the last 30 years:



1 Manuel Noriega, Panama

In power 1983-1989

Served 20 years in U.S. prison for drug trafficking, money laundering, racketeering after being ousted by the U.S. in 1989; now serving time in France for money laundering

2 Luis Garcia Meza, Bolivia

In power 1980-1981

Jailed in 1995 for 30 years for genocide, torture, murder of political opponents

3 Leopoldo Galtieri, Argentina

In power 1981-1982

Tried for human rights crimes, later cleared; jailed for invasion of Falkland Islands, later pardoned

4 Erich Honecker, E. Germany

In power 1971-1989

Tried on charges of manslaughter linked to deaths of defectors at the Berlin Wall; trial collapsed due to his illness; died in exile in Chile

5 Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali, Tunisia

In power 1987-2011

Sentenced in absentia for theft, unlawful possession of cash, jewels; living in Saudi Arabia

president who was a tyrant and an oppressor," wrote Egyptian analyst and political activist Amr Hamzawi in Cairo's Al-Shorouk daily. "Others will find inspiration in the Egyptian revolution to continue their own in the hope of freedom, democracy and social justice."

Mubarak, accused of corruption and of ordering the killings of protesters, is the first leader to be tried by his own people in the modern Arab world. That feat eclipses the trial of Iraq's Saddam Hussein because the process that led to Saddam's conviction and execution was supervised

by the United States.

The protesters in the heat of the Mideast's uprisings looked at Mubarak and saw their own leaders.

"Bashar Assad has done much worse than Mubarak, so our job is more difficult and needs more time, but one day he will sit in a cage too and pay the price of his crimes," said a protester from the Syrian city of Homs, who refused to be identified for fear of reprisals.

Even before the trial in Egypt, Assad showed no sign of backing down in his brutal crackdown against protesters. In fact, the re-

pression has only gotten more vicious. Some 1,700 civilians have been killed since the uprising began nearly five months ago.

Assad has made gestures of reform, dismissed by activists as too little too late. In power since he succeeded his father in 2000, Assad appears to have determined that his only choice is to step up force until the protesters are intimidated or silenced. So far, however, those calling for his downfall have returned relentlessly to the streets no matter how many of their numbers are gunned down each day.

In Egypt, Mubarak's fall has

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In this April 10, 2011, file photo, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi gestures to his supporters in Tripoli, Libya.



In this June 20, 2011 file photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian President Bashar Assad delivers a speech in Damascus, Syria, at Damascus University.



In this file image taken from a prerecorded video and broadcast July 7, 2011 on Yemen state TV from Saudi Arabia, Yemen's embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh makes his first public appearance since he was injured in a blast at his palace compound in June 2011.

led to prosecutions of some in his inner circle, but not to a wider purge, largely because Mubarak's military has led the transition, for better or worse.

A post-Assad Syria is not likely to be so serene. Not only would Assad likely be prosecuted, but also members of his extended family and associates who have directed a corrupt monopoly of politics and business during the 40-year Assad dynasty.

Beyond his inner circle, the Alawite religious minority to which the Assads belong would also lose its prestige—and likely would face retaliation from the Sunni Muslim majority. A similar fate awaits the tens of thousands of hardcore Baath supporters who have over the years milked party links for profit.

In Libya, a spokesman for the rebels' National Transitional Council vowed that "Gadhafi will meet the same fate as Mubarak."

"He should learn the moral of what happened to Mubarak," said the spokesman, Shamseddin Abdul-Mawlah.

Libya's leader for more than

four decades, Gadhafi has refused to budge in the face of a six-month-old revolt, the loss of nearly the entire eastern half of his oil-rich nation to rebels, an arrest warrant against him by the

International Criminal Court and NATO airstrikes. Rebels have been unable to move militarily on his Tripoli stronghold, giving him little motivation to give up—and he can hope that the rebels themselves crumble over time.

Yemen provides the most nuanced situation, after six months of massive protests.

President Saleh would in theory seem the most receptive to the "lesson of Mubarak" and be the closest to snapping up the chance for a safe exit. He is already effectively in exile, recuperating in Saudi Arabia from wounds suffered in a bombing at his compound in the capital. International mediators have even hammered out a deal providing him immunity in return for stepping down.

But the mercurial Saleh has proven almost mind-bogglingly stubborn, perhaps a sign of how inconceivable it is for any leader to go willingly. With his cronies still in power in Sanaa, Yemen's capital, he has refused to resign or to sign the international deal and insists he will return home to rule.

And his opponents are now even more determined.

"What happened in Egypt is filling us with motivation to do more," said Ahmed Nayef, one of the protests' leaders.

Overdrive



Chevy Volt pulls plug on range worry

By BARRY SPYKER
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Seems like yesterday—well, it was only earlier this year—that the expression “range anxiety” slipped into our lexicon when it came to discussing these newfangled, plug-in electric vehicles.

How far can I make it without another plug-in? And how many miles do I gain from the recharge?

Now, just like that, the new 2011 Chevy Volt has pulled the plug on all this talk.

That's because the much-anticipated Volt removes all the guesswork: Once the charged up lithium-ion battery pack poops out—after 30 miles or so—the Volt's “range extender” takes over. That's a 1.4-liter gas-driven engine/generator so the electric motor can continue driving the wheels. For another 300 miles or so.

Voila! An electric car that acts like a regular car.

One could get very comfortable with the Volt, providing one can get comfortable with plugging in the dang thing every night in order to top up your mileage figures. With no garage space left for a car, I found it a bit of a nuisance going to the trunk, unraveling the cord, plugging into the outdoor outlet and then inserting the nozzle into the port at the left front of the car.

And, in the morning, unplug, rewrap and put it back in the trunk. Oops—don't forget to unlock the car first: A theft alarm goes off if you remove the nozzle from the port without unlocking.

With a garage, of course, you could leave the cord plugged in and ready to insert. A 10-hour charge bought me 32 miles—for around a buck-and-a-half. What a bargain! If you spring for a 220-volt charger, rather than the 110, you can charge the Volt in four hours instead of 11.

The savings improve if you do the right kind of driving. The Volt is best suited for those who travel 40 miles or less a day, which Chevy folks says is nearly 80 percent of us. I commute 70

miles a day, so my savings were greatly diminished. Still, as I plugged in nightly, I calculated that I was getting the equivalent of around 70 mpg. Very sweet.

If your daily mileage is low, most of your miles will be on that cheaper, \$1.50 plug-in charge. GM figures the Volt costs about the same to run as your refrigerator. And the carmaker claims many folks can save 500 gallons of gas a year—maybe more than \$1,500.

Love it or don't, but I warn you not liking it could leave you very lonely. This Volt, still in its infancy, has caused quite the commotion, with popularity rampant in my neighborhood, judging from the inquiries and comments.

NUTS & BOLTS

Base price: \$40,280
As tested: \$43,485 (with leather seats and steering wheel and 17-inch alloy wheels)

Same excitement, nationally. There are too many honors to keep track of, but let's mention “Car of the Year” from Motor Trend, Automobile Magazine and Green Car magazine for starters.

GM has actually dabbled in electric vehicles for nearly a century. A timeline in the January edition of Automobile magazine laid it all out, from a 1912 electric truck to the experimental EV1 that ran on nickel-metal hydride batteries and mysteriously vanished, to the Volt concept which debuted at the 2007 Detroit auto show.

But only the Volt has generated this much excitement with its brisk 149-hp electric motor that takes its power from a 16-kW-hr battery. After its charge is expended, the engine/generator goes to work.

It's a wonderfully seamless transition, too. No jolt, no skip. The only real evidence is when the battery icon on the instrument panel shrinks to a corner while a gas-pump icon takes center stage.

If I had one, I might get lazy and keep pumping gas. But the Volt should be charged at least once a month. And, for those who think they'll never need gas

assistance, the car is programmed to run the engine at least once a month to keep the parts moving and get rid of stale gas.

Acceleration is decent for a green car, with 0-60 happening in around 9 seconds. Nothing to brag about—except to your green-car cousins. It'll leave the Prius and others in your rear-view mirror.

The ride is impressive. It's a quiet ride, though with no engine noise expect to hear road and wind noise as a substitute.

But is it fun to drive? Not bad at all, with crisp steering and nice balance on corners (some thanks to the 435-pound battery pack that stretches down the center and gives it a lower center of gravity).

While driving, the trick for best mileage is to keep the green-leaf icon on the instrument panel in the middle of the “green zone.” Not hard to do under normal driving conditions. Not easy otherwise.

Interior room is ample, with plenty of headroom and legroom and decent legroom in the back seat, too. With a battery pack running down the center, the rear seats only two, though.

The center console is sharp-looking—flat and adorned with touch-sensitive buttons. Two high-definition screens offer all the details on energy usage, driving range, mileage figures and even “vehicle messages.”

So here's a message for those thinking about a Volt. Act quickly. One dealer told me he gets one or two a month and they're gone in a flash. GM has accelerated its national rollout by six months, entering 11 more states in the third quarter and aiming for all 50 states by the end of the year.

The Volt, as many experts have said, is not for everyone. How many miles you drive is a big consideration for real savings. So is your willingness to shell out \$40,280 (base price). It could take a couple of hundred thousand miles to make up the difference when compared to other high-mileage cars.

But remember this: You'll be driving a budding legend. The Volt marks a truly historic step forward in automotive history. And I'm guessing we'll see more like it down the road.

Stubborn warning light is no conspiracy

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: My 2006 Chevy Impala keeps flashing “Service Tire Monitor System.” When I push the information button, it shows my right front tire is “flat lined,” meaning no air in the tire. The tire is not flat. Ever since then, the same message appears every time I start my car. The service manager reset it, but it continues to show up.

Why does this happen when there is nothing wrong with any of the tires? Is the government out to make money on maintaining this? I have checked for recalls on this and find nothing. Do you have any suggestions on how to cure this other than spending the \$500 to replace all four monitors? How does a person reset this without going to the service department every time?

ANSWER: Are you hearing black helicopters hovering over your vehicle? There's no conspiracy, only a mandated safety system to remind often-negligent car owners to keep their vehicle's tires properly inflated and warn them of any sudden loss of tire pressure while driving.

Is there a problem with the tire pressure monitoring system on your vehicle? Check for yourself. Turn the key on, but don't start the engine. Does the low tire pressure warning light come on solidly and stay on? If so, the system is working properly. If the light comes on solid, then goes out after driving awhile, the system is working properly and normal heat buildup is raising tire pressures above the trigger threshold.

If the warning light blinks for 60 seconds and then stays on solid, there's a fault in the system. A scan tool can identify the specific fault code.

There is also a system “relearn” procedure that requires a special tire pressure monitor diagnostic tool that may resolve the issue. If a specific tire pressure sensor has failed, it can individually be replaced.

Q: My 2009 Nissan Versa was bought new and has only 13,000 miles on it. Since new, each time I go over a curving gutter while turning, say into my driveway or a shopping center, the

front end makes a knocking sound and I can feel the vibration through the steering wheel. I have taken it to the dealer twice and they found nothing. The second time, the mechanic told me not to worry about it because the cars are built cheap and I should have bought a more expensive vehicle. If you could point me in a direction, I'd appreciate it.

A: I'll point you to another dealer. Nissan issued a service bulletin for this specific problem. My Alldata automotive database pulled up bulletin FA11-001, reference NTB11-032, in March of this year. The solution is to install special tube-like insulators on the top and bottom coils of each front spring, and replace the strut mount bearings with updated parts. Your new car warranty should cover this update.

As for the mechanic's comment: You're joking, right?



Q: BMW says I should use premium gasoline in my 2004 325xi, but I've heard from several sources that the ignition systems in cars will “adjust” to lower octane in regular fuel with no problems. Recently there was a 50-cent-per-gallon difference between regular and premium. That's enough for me to pay attention.

A: For the past two decades I've owned vehicles requiring premium octane fuel. Modern engine management systems—ignition and fuel delivery—will adjust for lower octane levels to prevent drivability issues or engine damage. In some cases, performance may be compromised a bit.

With that said, for the past two decades I've used middle-octane fuel in these vehicles without problems or performance compromises.

Remember, the basic rule of thumb is to use the lowest octane fuel that the engine will run properly on.

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Do cars still blow head gaskets?

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: Do cars still “blow head gaskets”? I was curious because I had a car back in the ‘80s that ate these things, but haven’t heard much about it since.—Don Geller

A: Head gaskets seal the cylinder head to the engine block and must resist tremendous combustion chamber pressures and varying metal expansion rates when an aluminum cylinder head is bolted to an iron engine block. High-tech developments in gasket technology and improvements in engine design have reduced a lot of the problems, but failures can still occur.

Pre-ignition (pinging) and detonation, along with engine overheating,

are leading causes of head gasket failure. Maintaining proper engine and cooling system performance is vitally important to minimize the chance of failure.

When a failed head gasket is diagnosed, there are many factors and procedures that should be followed to prevent a recurrence. Some engines have a track record of head gasket issues and benefit from the use of enhanced aftermarket replacement gaskets and diligent installation methods.

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Life & Style

Albert Einstein, a famous German scientist and mathematician of the 20th century, once said, "Imagination is more than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand."

When we visualize things, it seems we can easily reach our highest potential. Of course, the potential is in some way limitless, as all the "impossible" become "possible." A lot of times, imagination is the key that opens the doors to endless learning, helping us conquer and achieve our dreams. Still, there is one limit to our imagination—ourselves.

Coming from such a remote and desolate group of islands, there is nothing but small contact between different ethnic backgrounds. Consequently, it is difficult for me to educate and engage myself with people of various personalities and diverse cultures. I feel as if I'm being kept in a bubble, unable to parse the things I'm not used to. Frankly, I know nothing about the unfamiliar places around the globe. However, all that suddenly changed. It was the morning in mid-December when I was walking down the hallways of my school that something caught my eye. The place is usually filled with noisy students and busy teachers scurrying past each other. But this day was different. I squinted my eyes as I made out of what looked like a respectable man wearing a nice looking suit. He is Elliot Nguyen, the JSA program director; I recognized him from the recruitment of last year, or from the little piece of information stuck to his shirt. My friend and I were jumping simultaneously once we were absolutely sure it was him. But our little celebration was cut short when the bell rang, telling us to go back to class. I was in my math class when I received a note telling me to go to the library. There, I found a bunch of other students, listening to Elliot talk about the program. From there, I zoned out and went back to my wonderful experience at Stanford University last year. I thought about all the life lessons I've learned and all the friends I've made. I was caught up from my own reverie and was later blown back into reality as the bell rang.

That afternoon, I told my mother about my encounter with Elliot. I went to my room and gave everything a lot of thought. Last year, I spent my summer exploring the ways of life in America and now it's time for me to discover life outside the mainland. It was then that I knew I had to go out of my comfort zone and enter the pathways of China. Same rules apply. Interested students need to write an essay as to why they are the most qualified candidate for the full scholarship. The whole process was due by February. An unexpected phone call would only mean one thing: an unforgettable experience of your life.

December. January.

I've been working on my scholarship essay for two months now. Going back and editing my paper occupied most of my Christmas break. I wanted to make sure there was no grammatical errors or anything that would throw off my chances of getting what I aim and worked so hard for. That just proves how much I really want this.

February. March. April.

Waiting took forever. I was beginning to lose grasp of hope as the days went by. One morning, a miracle happened. I was in chemistry class when I

JSA China: I came, I saw, I conquered



By ALLYSSA SHARA-MAE ARANGORIN
KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Beatrix Naholowaa. Our flight to Japan was delayed for two hours due to bad weather. Once we got there, the worst thing happened. Because of the delay, our connecting plane had already left. We were stuck in the airport for 10 hours, just waiting for a new flight. Soon enough, the weather cleared up and we continued our journey.

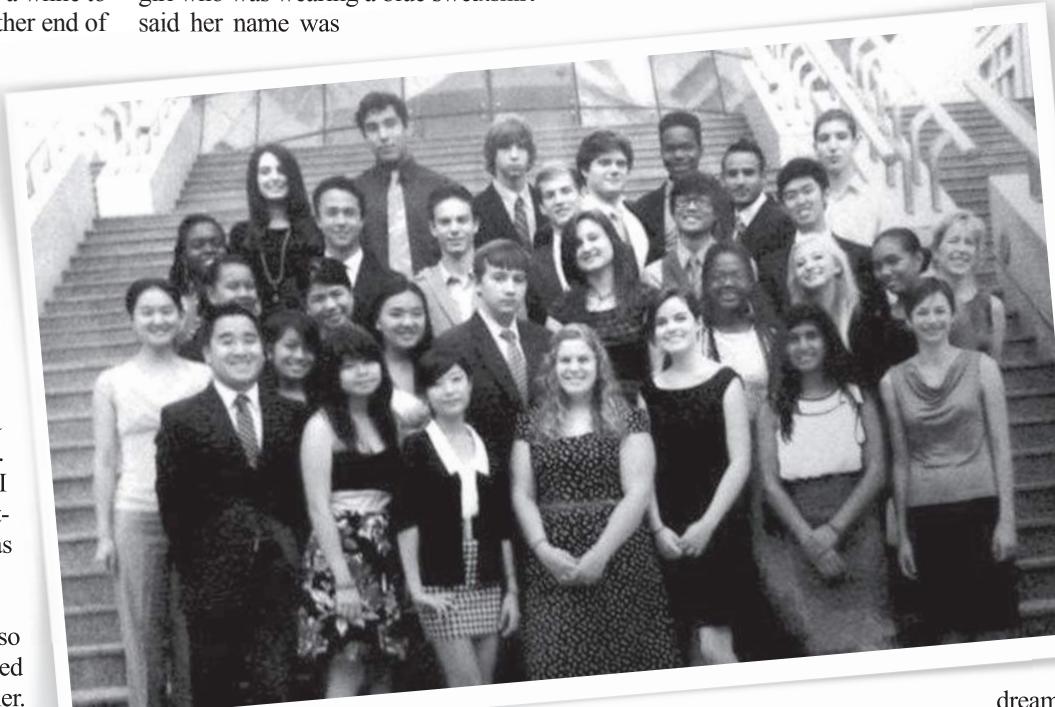
July 2, 2011, 1am, Beijing, China.

I couldn't see anything but streetlights as I looked out the plane's window. I climbed out of the plane and my eyes could only make out of what seems like darkness. I assumed it was early in the morning. The sight of Beijing's huge airport overwhelmed me. There, we claimed our luggage and changed our money to the new bills that we'll be using for the next month. They felt different. We then waited for a JSA representative to greet us but because our flight was messed up, there was no one there. We couldn't possibly wait for someone to take us to the dorm; it'll take all morning. We decided to take a cab to our new home—Capital Normal University. It took us an hour to get to our destination. That was the scariest one hour of our lives! We didn't know what we were doing, the signs were foreign and none of us spoke Chinese. The driver couldn't speak English so we just showed him the map. An enormous building enshrouded us. We took our belongings and went in. In the lobby, we saw a lady sitting down. We introduced ourselves and found out that she was part of the program. Her name is Elvira Hammond and she turned out to be our professor for Chinese History and Government class. She helped us register and gave us

marking X's on the calendar. My enthusiasm skyrocketed.

July 1, 2011, 7am. Guam Int'l Airport

I stepped inside and saw two students waiting patiently as I hurried toward the counter, giving the lady my passport. While looking for a place to sit, I figured they're the ones I'll be spending my summer with. I was right. The girl with black, short hair turned out to be my roommate. Her name is Doyi Lee. She's from Saipan and she goes to Saipan Southern High School. The tall girl who was wearing a blue sweatshirt said her name was



May. June

The months had passed so quickly. School had just ended and it was officially summer. I've spent most of my days

our keys to our rooms. We hurried up the fourth floor and unpacked. It was 2:30am and we were all exhausted.

Week 1.

The first three days were orientation. We took time getting to know all 27 of us. We also spent the days being used to our new environment. The food was not what I expected it to be; food stands were just scattered all over the place, vendors selling the same things. And I've never seen so much pollution in my life! The haze made it impossible for us to see the sky. Where I'm from, the sun is always up in the blue skies. However, there were no clear skies, starry nights, nor clean air. They were all nothing but myths of China.

Week 2

Our daily routine: Breakfast, two hours of Chinese History and Gov't class, one hour of Mandarin class, one hour for lunch, and another hour of Mandarin and an hour more of history. Some days we substituted history class to go on field trips. We visited the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall of China. We plowed for community service at the Organic Farm. We also had free afternoons to catch up on work, do laundry, or explore Beijing on our own.

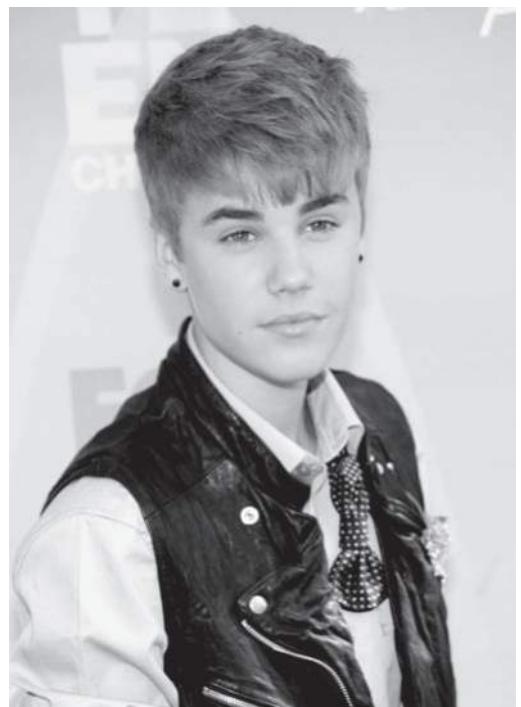
Week 3.

Just when I thought I've gotten used to China's way of life, another hurdle got in my way. We went to Xi'an for the weekend and to be able to get there, we took a train. There, culture shock got me: squatting toilets. I've never seen such a thing! I was so hesitant about it I ended up not using it anyway. This week was also the week I learned important lessons. We went to one of the poor villages and visited children of migrant workers. We took care of them and even for a short period of time we tried to make them happy. JSA as a whole changed my opinions on how life would really be. People in America have the easy way out while the majority here has to really work hard and sometimes it's barely enough. It just really opened my eyes about everything. Graduation day came and a few days later and we soon had to leave.

July 26, 11am, Saipan Int'l Airport.

The travel back was not the same. All the enthusiasm I had had vanished. We had left our hearts in China. I have learned many things during my stay in Beijing. A huge part of learning is taking risks, which brings me back to the very first day we arrived in China where we took a cab by ourselves. I've met so many amazing people! Every day I look back and see how far I've come. Yet, my conscience taps me in the shoulder, reminding me to plant my feet on the ground because I still have a long way to go in the order to prove myself. Three weeks isn't enough but I'm thankful I was given this experience. I came to follow my dream, I saw the things I was not used to and I conquered my fears.

Selena Gomez, Justin Bieber win Teen Choice Awards



Justin Bieber arrives at the Teen Choice Awards on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011 in Universal City, Calif.



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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Selena Gomez conjured five wins at the Teen Choice Awards—one more than boyfriend Justin Bieber.

The star of "Wizards of Waverly Place" was selected as choice TV actress, female hottie and music group with her band The Scene. Gomez and her ensemble were also awarded the choice single trophy for "Who Says" and love song for "Love You Like a Love Song," which the 19-year-old actress-singer performed at Sunday's free-wheeling fan-favorite ceremony.

"This is for all of you guys," Gomez told the screeching crowd. "This isn't mine."

Bieber, Gomez's 17-year-old actor-singer boyfriend, picked up four surfboard-shaped trophies as choice male music artist, male hottie, twit and TV villain for his "CSI" guest starring role. Other multiple winners included "Glee," "The Vampire Diaries," "The Twilight Saga," "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Robert Pattinson and Taylor Swift.

"I feel like it's been a long time since I was a teenager, like, two years," Swift joked.

Swift tied Gomez with five awards: choice female music artist, country female artist, female red carpet fashion icon, country single for "Mean" and break-up song for "Back to December." The 21-year-old crooner was also honored for her contributions to entertainment with the Ultimate Choice Award, the show's version of a lifetime achievement award.

"The Big Bang Theory" leading lady Kaley Cuoco hosted the 13th annual extravaganza at Universal Studios Hollywood's Gibson Amphitheatre. Between dispensing awards like candy, Cuoco battled "Chuck" star Zachary Levi in table tennis, danced alongside "America's Best Dance Crew" winners Poreotix and jokingly quizzed teenagers about current affairs.

There were moments of seriousness amid the silliness. Sean Kingston made his first live televised appearance since recovering from injuries he suffered after crashing a watercraft into a Miami Beach bridge in May. Demi Lovato, who entered a treatment facility last November to deal with "emotional and physical issues," was on hand to accept two awards.

"You guys are what got me through this last year," she told the audience.

Other winners who picked up surfboard-shaped trophies included Cameron Diaz as choice movie comedy actress for "Bad Teacher," Ellen DeGeneres as choice comedian and Ashton Kutcher as choice romantic comedy movie actor for "No Strings Attached." Before leading the crowd in a singalong of Katy Perry's "Teenage Dream," Kutcher provided some topical advice.

"Don't ever charge anything on a credit card if you don't already have the money in the

WINNERS LIST

Winners from the 13th annual Teen Choice Awards:

- **Choice Movie Action:** "Fast Five."
- **Choice Movie Actor Action:** Johnny Depp, "The Tourist."
- **Choice Movie Actress Action:** Angelina Jolie, "The Tourist."
- **Choice Movie Sci-Fi/Fantasy:** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1."
- **Choice Movie Actor Sci-Fi/Fantasy:** Taylor Lautner, "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse."
- **Choice Movie Actress Sci-Fi/Fantasy:** Emma Watson, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1."
- **Choice Movie Comedy:** "Bad Teacher."
- **Choice Movie Actor Comedy:** Justin Timberlake, "Bad Teacher."
- **Choice Movie Actress Comedy:** Cameron Diaz, "Bad Teacher."
- **Choice Movie Romantic Comedy:** "Easy A."
- **Choice Movie Actor Romantic Comedy:** Ashton Kutcher, "No Strings Attached."
- **Choice Movie Actress Romantic Comedy:** Emma Stone, "Easy A."
- **Choice Movie Drama:** "Black Swan."
- **Choice Movie Actor Drama:** Robert Pattinson, "Water for Elephants."
- **Choice Movie Actress Drama:** Natalie Portman, "Black Swan."
- **Choice Movie Horror:** "Paranormal Activity 2."
- **Choice Animated Movie Voice:** Johnny Depp, "Rango."
- **Choice Movie Villain:** Tom Felton, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1."
- **Choice Movie Liplock:** Emma Watson and Daniel Radcliffe, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1."
- **Choice Movie Chemistry:** Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston, "Just Go With It."
- **Choice Movie Hissy Fit:** Ed Helms, "The Hangover Part II."
- **Choice Movie Male Scene Stealer:** Kellan Lutz, "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse."
- **Choice Movie Female Scene Stealer:** Ashley Greene, "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse."
- **Choice Movie Breakout Male:** Alex Pettyfer, "I Am Number Four" and "Beastly."
- **Choice Movie Breakout Female:** Brooklyn Decker, "Just Go With It."
- **Choice Summer Movie:** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."
- **Choice Summer Movie Star Male:** Daniel Radcliffe, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."
- **Choice Summer Movie Star Female:** Emma Watson, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."
- **Choice TV Show Drama:** "Gossip Girl."
- **Choice TV Actor Drama:** Chace Crawford, "Gossip Girl."
- **Choice TV Actress Drama:** Blake Lively, "Gossip Girl."
- **Choice TV Show Fantasy/Sci-Fi:** "The Vampire Diaries"
- **Choice TV Actor Fantasy/Sci-Fi:** Ian Somerhalder, "The Vampire Diaries."
- **Choice TV Actress Fantasy/Sci-Fi:** Nina Dobrev, "The Vampire Diaries."
- **Choice TV Male Scene Stealer:** Michael Trevino, "The Vampire Diaries."
- **Choice TV Female Scene Stealer:** Katerina Graham, "The Vampire Diaries."
- **Choice TV Show Action:** "NCIS: Los Angeles."
- **Choice TV Actor Action:** Shane West, "Nikita."
- **Choice TV Actress Action:** Linda Hunt, "NCIS: Los Angeles."
- **Choice TV Villain:** Justin Bieber, "CSI."
- **Choice TV Animated Show:** "The Simpsons."
- **Choice TV Reality Competition Show:** "American Idol."
- **Choice TV Reality Show:** "Jersey Shore."
- **Choice TV Personality:** Jennifer Lopez, "American Idol."
- **Choice TV Male Reality/Variety Star:** Paul "Pauly D" Del Vecchio, "Jersey Shore."
- **Choice TV Female Reality/Variety Star:** The Kardashians, "Keeping Up with the Kardashians."
- **Choice TV Show Comedy:** "Glee."
- **Choice TV Actor Comedy:** Cory Monteith, "Glee."
- **Choice TV Actress Comedy:** Selena Gomez, "Wizards of Waverly Place."
- **Choice TV Breakout Star:** Darren Criss, "Glee."
- **Choice TV Breakout Show:** "The Voice."
- **Choice Summer TV Show:** "Pretty Little Liars."
- **Choice Summer TV Star Female:** Lucy Hale, "Pretty Little Liars."
- **Choice Summer TV Star Male:** Ian Harding, "Pretty Little Liars."
- **Choice Music Male Artist:** Justin Bieber.
- **Choice Music Female Artist:** Taylor Swift.
- **Choice Music Group:** Selena Gomez and The Scene.
- **Choice Music Single:** "Who Says," Selena Gomez and The Scene.
- **Choice Music R&B/Hip-Hop Artist:** Eminem.
- **Choice Music R&B/Hip-Hop Track:** "Run the World (Girls)," Beyoncé.
- **Choice Music Rock Group:** Paramore.
- **Choice Music Rock Track:** "Monster," Paramore.
- **Choice Music Male Country Artist:** Keith Urban.
- **Choice Music Female Country Artist:** Taylor Swift.
- **Choice Music Country Group:** Lady Antebellum.
- **Choice Music Country Single:** "Mean," Taylor Swift.
- **Choice Music Love Song:** "Love You Like a Love Song," Selena Gomez.
- **Choice Music Breakup Song:** "Back to December," Taylor Swift.
- **Choice Music Breakout Artist:** Bruno Mars.
- **Choice Summer Music Star Male:** Bruno Mars.
- **Choice Summer Music Star Female:** Katy Perry.
- **Choice Summer Song:** "Skyscraper," Demi Lovato.
- **Choice Red Carpet Fashion Icon Male:** Zac Efron.
- **Choice Red Carpet Fashion Icon Female:** Taylor Swift.
- **Choice Male Hottie:** Justin Bieber.
- **Choice Female Hottie:** Selena Gomez.
- **Choice Comedian:** Ellen DeGeneres.
- **Choice Twit:** Justin Bieber.
- **Choice Vampire:** Robert Pattinson.
- **Choice Web Star:** Rebecca Black.
- **Choice Athlete Male:** Shaun White.
- **Choice Athlete Female:** Shawn Johnson.
- **Ultimate Choice Award:** Taylor Swift.

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bank to pay for it," he said.

The ceremony ended with a tribute to the "Harry Potter" film franchise. The final two installments apparently bewitched online voters, winning such categories as choice sci-fi/fantasy movie, liplock, villain for Tom Felton and summer movie star for both Emma Watson and Daniel Radcliffe, who accepted his surfboard via satellite from New York.

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Synopsis

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Comedy • Rated R

Synopsis

A married father and a swinging single swap bodies after a wild night of drinking, and do their best not to throw each other's lives into complete chaos while scrambling to figure out a way to get back in their own skin. Dave (Jason Bateman) and Mitch (Ryan Reynolds) grew up together. They used to be inseparable, but these days they're lucky if they cross paths every few months.



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Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford
Science fiction, Western • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

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Hank Azaria, George Lopez
Children's family, Comedy • Rated PG



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Steve Carell, Julianne Moore
Comedy • Rated PG 13

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Chris Evans, Tommy Lee Jones
Action • Rated PG 13



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Comedy • Rated R

Synopsis

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Scott wins 1st World title, with Woods' caddie

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The chants and cheers began as Adam Scott

walked toward the 18th green to complete a command performance Sunday in the Bridgestone Invitational and win his first World Golf Championship.

But in a surreal scene at Firestone, they weren't for him.

They were for his caddie.

"Stev-ie Will-iams," they shouted as the guy carrying the bag for Scott broke into a big smile.

The celebration made it clear that Steve Williams felt vindicated after being fired last month by Tiger Woods. The interview after it was over—yes, he gave interviews—made it sound as if it was Williams who shot the 5-under 65. At one point, Williams described himself as a "good front-runner when I'm caddying."

"I've caddied for 33 years—145 wins now—and that's the best win I've ever had," Williams told CBS Sports on the 18th green. This from a guy whose 12 years working for Woods featured 13 majors and 16 world titles among 72 wins worldwide. That includes the 2001 Masters, when Woods won an unprecedented fourth straight major.

Clearly, Williams is still angry over how—and when—Woods cut him loose. He even disputed Woods' version of how it happened, saying Woods told him over the phone, not in person.

Scott didn't seem to mind that his caddie was getting most of the attention.

"I can talk about Steve now and not Tiger," Scott said to laughter, alluding to the countless times he and other players have been asked about Woods. "I'm sure there are a lot of other golfers who wouldn't mind that, either."

The latest chapter in the endless saga involving Woods took away from a premier performance by Scott, who didn't make a bogey over his last 26 holes and couldn't afford to



edge of this golf course and the greens," Scott said. "He's seen a guy play incredible golf, the best golf anyone has ever played around here, so many times. He really guided me around the course nicely. ... So he was, no doubt, a help."

When told that Williams called this his greatest win as a caddie, Scott winced.

"He's obviously really happy to get a win," he said.

The biggest threat to Scott came from Ishikawa, although Fowler and Day remained in the mix, and Donald emerged late. Ishikawa, trying to become the youngest winner in America in 100 years, couldn't keep up when Scott made two birdies on the back nine to build a three-shot lead.

Ishikawa three-putted the 15th when he was running out of time.

"I was able to play well to be at least on top for a moment in the first half of the game today," Ishikawa said through a translator. "I think the 14th and 15th hole separated everything."

Fowler, dressed in his bright Sunday orange, is still looking for his first win. He didn't do much wrong Sunday, playing bogey-free, but it wasn't enough to catch Scott.

"It's definitely the best I've played going into a major," Fowler said.

Woods opened strongly with two birdies on the opening five holes before he "absolutely lost it" with his game, dropping five shots and not hitting a fairway on seven straight tee shots. He made three straight birdies late for a 70.

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with 19-year-old Ryo Ishikawa giving him all he could handle.

They were never separated by more than one shot until Scott chipped in from the side of the 12th green, then rolled in a birdie putt from just inside 30 feet on the 14th to build a three-shot lead. Ishikawa three-putted the 15th, and Scott had no trouble closing this one out.

He wound up winning by four shots over world No. 1 Luke Donald, who shot 66; and Rickie Fowler, who played a final round worthy of a winner with a bogey-free 66, only to run into an affable Australian who couldn't be beat.

Ishikawa made a bogey on the last hole to tie for fourth with Jason Day. They both shot 69. For the Japanese star, it was his highest finish in America.

Scott finished at 17-under 263, the lowest score to win at Firestone since Woods had 259

in 2000 in an 11-shot win.

With a three-shot lead, Scott thought about playing it safe on the 18th. Williams told him to take 6-iron at the flag, and Scott obliged with a shot that rolled past the cup and settled 5 feet away. When they got to the green, one fan shouted out, "How do you like him now, Tiger?"

By then, Woods was long gone.

After missing three months with a leg injury, he finished a tournament for the first time since the Masters on April 10 and closed with a 70 to tie for 37th, 18 shots behind.

"I had it in spurts this week," Woods said.

Scott became the third Australian to win a world title, joining Geoff Ogilvy and Craig Parry. He won for the 18th time in his career and moved back into the top 10 in the world ranking.

While his old boss was on the

mend, Williams agreed to caddie for Scott at the U.S. Open. Williams said he was led to believe that Woods was going to play practice rounds at Congressional, but only after the New Zealand caddie arrived in America was he told that Woods was not healthy enough for the U.S. Open.

That's when Williams decided to work for Scott, and he worked for Scott again at the AT&T National, the tournament that benefits Woods' foundation. Woods said he fired him after the final round that week, and they kept it quiet until Williams was done working for Scott at the British Open.

Woods said he told him face-to-face. Williams said Sunday that Woods fired him over the phone.

"I was told on the phone that we need to take a break, and in caddie lingo, that means you're

fired, simple as that," Williams said.

"I was absolutely shocked that I got the boot, to be honest with you," he said. "I've been incredibly loyal to the guy, and I got short-shifted. Very disappointed."

The theatrics took away from Scott's biggest win since The Players Championship in 2004. He played so well he could have gone even lower except for missing two birdie putts inside 12 feet on the 16th and 17th holes.

"Today, I was on," Scott said. "To win here at this place, a World Golf Championship, it's huge."

It didn't hurt having Williams at his side. Along with his experience working for Woods, along with major champions Greg Norman and Raymond Floyd, Williams was on the bag for all seven of Woods' victories at Firestone.

"He has such a great knowl-

edge of this golf course and the greens," Scott said. "He's seen a guy play incredible golf, the best golf anyone has ever played around here, so many times. He really guided me around the course nicely. ... So he was, no doubt, a help."

When told that Williams called this his greatest win as a caddie, Scott winced.

"He's obviously really happy to get a win," he said.

The biggest threat to Scott came from Ishikawa, although Fowler and Day remained in the mix, and Donald emerged late. Ishikawa, trying to become the youngest winner in America in 100 years, couldn't keep up when Scott made two birdies on the back nine to build a three-shot lead.

Ishikawa three-putted the 15th when he was running out of time.

"I was able to play well to be at least on top for a moment in the first half of the game today," Ishikawa said through a translator. "I think the 14th and 15th hole separated everything."

Fowler, dressed in his bright Sunday orange, is still looking for his first win. He didn't do much wrong Sunday, playing bogey-free, but it wasn't enough to catch Scott.

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Source: Hawks to be sold, but stay in Atlanta



ATLANTA (AP) — Alex Meruelo and the Atlanta Hawks are poised to make NBA history.

The Hawks have scheduled a news conference for Monday to announce the team and Philips Arena are being sold to Meruelo, a person familiar with the deal said Sunday.

The son of Cuban immigrants is a California developer and pizza chain owner. He is expected to become the NBA's first Hispanic majority owner.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no official

announcement has been made. The deal is subject to the approval of the NBA.

Meruelo, who will have controlling interest of more than 50 percent of the Hawks, will attend Monday's news conference. The team will remain in Atlanta.

The Hawks ownership group, led by Michael Gearon Jr. and Bruce Levenson, also recently sold the NHL's Atlanta Thrashers to a group that moved the team to Winnipeg. The Thrashers' deal was for a reported \$170 million, including a \$60 million relocation fee to be split by the rest of the owners.

Meruelo was born in New York and raised in California. He heads the Meruelo Group, a Downey, Calif.-based investment firm. The firm recently acquired the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nev., for a reported \$42.45 million.

Meruelo also founded La Pizza Loka, which has over 50 franchised and company-owned restaurants in Southern California, catering to the Latino community, according to the Meruelo Group website.

Details of the Hawks' sale, including the purchase price, have not been disclosed. It is not known if any members of the current ownership group

will retain minority shares.

The sale of the Hawks is the latest in a series of dramatic moves by the ownership group, less than a year after Gearon and Levenson bought Boston-based Steve Belkin's 30-percent share of the teams.

A tearful Gearon said at the news conference to announce the sale of the Thrashers on May 31 that the owners failed in attempts to find someone to keep the hockey team in Atlanta. Gearon said no local buyer emerged with a serious offer for the Thrashers.

The ownership group, called the Atlanta Spirit, also had to look outside of Atlanta

to find a buyer for the Hawks. This time, there was no threat of moving the team.

The group bought the Hawks, Thrashers and operating rights to Philips Arena, where the teams play, in 2004. There was almost immediate dissension among the owners.

The ownership split began in 2005 over Belkin's objection to the Hawks' trade of Boris Diaw, two first-round draft picks and a \$4.9 million trade exception to the Phoenix Suns for guard Joe Johnson.

The dispute led to a long legal battle that ended when Levenson and Gearon announced on Dec. 22, 2010, they had purchased Belkin's share.

Gearon, the son of former Hawks executive Michael

Gearon Sr., grew up with the team and has said he would like to retain a minority share if the team was sold. The elder Gearon also is part of the ownership team.

The Hawks have made the playoffs the past four seasons, including three straight second-round appearances.

While the owners were criticized for failing to keep the Thrashers' stars, including Ilya Kovalchuk, in Atlanta, the group was aggressive in re-signing Hawks stars Johnson, Josh Smith and Al Horford.

"The perception is we don't spend money," Gearon Jr. said recently about the Hawks. "Yet you look at our roster and the core assets, we've kept all of them."

Red Sox rally, beat Yankees in 10, take East lead

BOSTON (AP)—Josh Reddick hit a game-ending RBI single in the 10th inning as the Boston Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 3-2 on Sunday.

With the win, the Red Sox took over sole possession of first place in the American League East and clinched a win in the season series against New York for the first time since 2004.

The Yankees led 2-1 on homers by Eduardo Nunez and Brett Gardner before Mariano Rivera came in to close it out in the ninth. But he gave up a leadoff double to Marco Scutaro—his fourth hit of the game.

Jacoby Ellsbury moved him up with a sacrifice—and almost beat the throw at first—and Dustin Pedroia brought him home on a sacrifice fly.

White Sox 7, Twins 0

At Minneapolis, Jake Peavy pitched eight crisp innings to win for the first time in more than six weeks as Chicago swept a three-game series in Minnesota for the first time in more than seven years.

Brent Lillibridge, Paul Konerko, Alexei Ramirez and Alex Rios homered for the White Sox, who had lost 29 of 36 games to Minnesota until winning three straight at Target Field this weekend. The back-sliding Twins have lost seven of their last eight games overall.

Peavy (5-5) last picked up a victory by pitching four shutout innings in his first career relief appearance, June 25 against the Washington Nationals, three days after he beat the crosstown rival Cubs with a so-so start.

Rangers 5, Indians 3

At Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus hit a go-ahead two-run single in Texas' five-run eighth.

Josh Tomlin shut out the Rangers over seven innings, but the 25-year-old right-hander walked Mike Napoli leading off the eighth and gave up a single to Mitch Moreland, his final batter.

Sidearm right-hander Joe Smith (2-3) came in, giving up an infield single to Yorvit Torrealba to load the bases.

David Murphy delivered an RBI single to make it 3-1, and Smith walked Ian Kinsler to force in a run. Andrus followed with his two-run single to center.

Darren Oliver (4-5) got two outs for the win. Mike Adams threw a perfect ninth for his first AL save.

Michael Brantley homered and drove in two runs for the Indians.

Royals 4, Tigers 3

At Kansas City, Missouri, Johnny Giavotella hit his first major league home run and doubled to lead Kansas City over Detroit.

Giavotella, promoted Friday after hitting .338 in 110 games with Triple-A Omaha, is 5 for 11 in his first three games.

Giavotella led off a three-run



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, second from left, lifts Josh Reddick, second from right, as Mike Aviles, left, and Dustin Pedroia, right, come in to celebrate after Reddick's RBI single gave the Red Sox the walk-off, 3-2 win against the New York Yankees in the tenth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

fourth with a double and hit a solo home run in the fifth.

Bruce Chen (6-5) left in the sixth after a 46-minute rain delay. He gave up three runs and five hits, striking out five without a walk.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Ricky Romero pitched eight innings of four-hit ball and Brett Lawrie hit his first major league homer as Toronto downed Baltimore.

John McDonald had three hits and two RBIs for the Blue Jays, who took two of three from the Orioles and have won seven of 11 overall.

Romero (10-9) struck out five and walked none to win his third straight start, a streak that began on July 27 with a victory over Baltimore. The only runs the left-hander allowed were on solo homers by Mark Reynolds.

Romero is 6-1 in his last eight starts against Baltimore.

Athletics 5, Rays 4, 10 innings

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Josh Willingham led off the 10th inning with a home run as Oakland edged Tampa Bay.

Willingham lined a pitch from Jake McGee (0-1) into the left field stands for his 17th homer this season. Fautino De Los Santos (1-0) threw a scoreless ninth to pick up his first major league win and Andrew Bailey allowed two singles in the 10th before getting his 13th save.

Hideki Matsui also homered for Oakland, which stopped a stretch of 12 consecutive non-winning road series by taking two of three from the Rays.

Tampa Bay got homers from Casey Kotchman and Evan Longoria.

David DeJesus scored the go-ahead run in the fifth on J.P. Howell's wild pitch.

Angels 2, Mariners 1

At Anaheim, California, Ervin Santana pitched into the ninth inning of his fourth straight phenomenal start, and Mark Trumbo homered off Felix Hernandez as Los Angeles beat Seattle.

Santana (8-8) held the Mariners to seven hits and won his duel with Hernandez (10-10), whose 12 strikeouts were one shy of his career high. Santana lost his shutout bid on Mike Carp's one-out homer in the ninth, and manager Mike Scioscia pulled him two outs short of his third consecutive complete game.

Santana, who threw a no-hitter against Cleveland two starts ago, is 5-0 in eight starts since June 21, yielding just 17 hits and two runs in 33 2-3 innings over his last four starts.

He has struggled for run support throughout the season, but the Angels provided just enough to beat Hernandez, the defending AL Cy Young winner.

Padres 7, Pirates 3

At Pittsburgh, the fading Pittsburgh Pirates finished up the worst home series in their 125-year history to lose their 10th straight game overall, beaten by Mat Latos (6-11) and the San Diego Padres.

Latos' mastery continued the misery for the Pirates, who completed an 0-7 stay at PNC Park against the last-place Padres and Chicago Cubs, two teams that were a combined 39 games under .500 when the week began.

Pittsburgh was winless on a homestand of at least seven games for the first time in franchise history, STATS LLC

said. No team in the majors has had a homestand that long without a win since Kansas City in May 2006.

A day after the Pirates held a players-only meeting following a 13-2 loss, they trailed 7-0 going into the bottom of the eighth.

Kevin Correia (12-10) allowed one run on three hits through 5 2-3 innings before running into two-out trouble in the sixth. He was charged with four runs on five hits and four walks, falling to 2-8 at home this season.

Giants 3, Phillies 1

At San Francisco, Tim Lincecum stayed sharp until getting hit in the right knee by Chase Utley's bounding bat as San Francisco ended Philadelphia's season-high nine-game winning streak, tagging Roy Oswalt and beating the Phillies.

Jeff Keppinger had four hits as the Giants spoiled Oswalt's return from the disabled list. San Francisco avoided a four-game sweep in a matchup of NL division leaders.

Lincecum (10-9) went down in the eighth inning when Utley accidentally lost his grip and the bat skittered toward the mound. Utley went out to check on Lincecum, who handed back the bat, walked it off and stayed in the game. Utley then hit a one-out single.

Utley's act of sportsmanship was a far cry from the bench-clearing brawl between the clubs Friday night.

Brian Wilson finished for his 34th save in 38 chances, closing out the Giants' second win in 10 games.

Braves 6, Mets 5

At New York, Chipper Jones hit

2004 by beating Florida.

In a single series, the Cardinals matched their longest winning streak of the season.

Pujols hit his third home run of the series and his 27th this season, and his intentional walk backfired on the Marlins in the sixth inning, when Holliday followed with a tying single. The Marlins then intentionally walked Lance Berkman, and Jon Jay foiled that strategy with a two-run single.

After Florida tied the game, the Cardinals went ahead to stay with three unearned runs in the seventh after a throwing error by shortstop Emilio Bonifacio. Ryan Theriot's RBI single put St. Louis up 5-4, and Holliday added a two-run single.

Diamondbacks 4, Dodgers 3

At Phoenix, Cody Ransom made his first homer of the season a memorable one, lifting a two-run shot off All-Star Clayton Kershaw in the seventh inning to help Arizona rally past Los Angeles and avoid a three-game sweep.

Kelly Johnson hit two-run homer to the pool deck in right-center off Kershaw (13-5) in the first inning and Ransom's shot to left to put the Diamondbacks back ahead.

Ian Kennedy (14-3) pitched seven effective innings to win his sixth straight start and JJ Putz worked a perfect ninth for his 26th save to keep Arizona within a half-game of the NL West-leading Giants.

Reds 8, Cubs 7

At Chicago, Ryan Hanigan hit a tiebreaking single off Sean Marshall in Cincinnati's two-run eighth inning as the Reds ended Chicago's seven-game winning streak.

Center fielder Marlon Byrd slipped while chasing Joey Votto's shallow pop fly to start the eighth against Marshall (5-5). Votto scored on Todd Frazier's double to tie the game.

Brewers 7, Astros 3

At Houston, Zack Greinke

equaled a season high by going

seven

innings and Prince Fielder

homered to help Milwaukee beat Houston for its sixth straight win.

Fielder had three hits and

scored four runs for the Brew-

ers,

who have won 11 of their

last 12 games.

Yuniesky Betancourt drove in three runs.

Mark Kotsay added three hits

and an RBI in place of the

injured

Corey Hart.

Greinke (10-4) allowed a run

and four hits. He's won his last

three starts and kept opponents

to two earned runs or fewer in

his last six.

The Rockies split the four-

game series and went 2-5 on

their homestand.

Eliezer Alfonzo got three hits for Colorado

and Troy Tulowitzki had two.

Washington scored the deciding run off reliever Matt Belisle (5-4). Danny Espinosa opened the eighth with a double and moved to third on Ryan Zimmerman's groundout. After an intentional walk to Michael Morse, Werth singled sharply to left field.

Arum: We'll try to make Mayweather-Pacquiao happen

By RONNIE NATHANIELSZ
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BOXING
MANILA—Top Rank promoter Bob Arum insists that he is ready to do whatever he can to make a fight between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. happen.

"We are certainly not the impediment for that fight to happen," Arum said in an interview with the Inquirer. "We will do whatever we can to make that fight happen."

The Top Rank promoter emphasized that pound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao has agreed to take the blood test which Mayweather has been insisting on.

PASL returns on Aug. 12



The 4th Annual Pohnpei Amateur Softball League is expected to start on Aug. 12 at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Both men's and women's divisions will be offered in the 2011 season.

In addition, organizers are holding a 6:30pm meeting for coaches, managers, and team representatives on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

Entrance fee is set at \$350 per team.

For more information, contact Alkantro G. Sarapio at 322-0422 or 483-9118; Frank Shiro at 287-3732; Tony Luzama at 788-9178; or email Semerina Simram at semsimbmd@gmail.com. (Walter Cepeda-Sutherland)

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Sports Federation (FISU)-sanctioned Universiade or World University Games will take place from Aug. 14 to 19 at the newly built Natatorium of Universiade Center in Universiade New Town, Longgang District.

Wong's first event will be the 200m breaststroke where he will try to reset the CNMI record (2:23.35) he made just last month during the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, China. The

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hold a short course meet for the Hong Kong swimmers to get them at ease first in their debut on Saipan. Kimura added the visitors hope to have the event annually and bring more swimmers from the Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Club.

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and turn left to the main road going back to the starting line.

The road bike race will have only one category with bikers leaving Paupau and heading to Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, Grotto, and Banzai Cliff and returning to the starting line.

But, to the chagrin of Arum, he said Mayweather's "crazy father says 'yes' but he's not allowed to train in the Philippines. This is bizarre."

Meantime Arum said he would arrive with Juan Manuel Marquez and his party in Manila on September 1 for a massive media tour kickoff rally at the Luneta Grandstand in Rizal Park on September 3.

Arum said "we'll have a lot of fun and a press conference and then go from Manila to New York, Los Angeles and finally Mexico City."

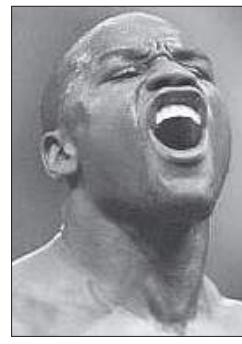
He disclosed that they had decided to skip the planned stops in Tokyo and Dubai because Pacquiao "has more important businesses to attend to" besides his desire to have eight full weeks of training with four weeks in the Philippines and the second four



Pacquiao

weeks at the Wild Card Gym in Los Angeles.

Initial reports indicated that WBA/IBF light welterweight champion Amir Khan is likely to train alongside



Mayweather Jr

Pacquiao in Baguio City as he too prepares for a fight in December.

A stumbling block may well be the legal battle over Mayweather's allegations that Pacquiao was on performance enhancing drugs and his constant refusal to provide his deposition claiming he was in training for his Sept. 17 fight against Victor Ortiz.

Atty. David Marroso provided evidence to contradict Mayweather's claims.

Duplicating Miller's feat in the girls U15 division was Lopez, who is ranked second in Pool B and downed the Federated States of Micronesia's Shawn Adams, 6-1, 6-0, and Tonga's Simuoko Afemui, 6-0, 6-2. In Pool A, Melody Johnson is also seeded second and split her first two matches, winning over Guam's Camdyn Nadler, 6-3, 6-0, before losing to Samoa's Anastasia Tapusoa, 6-7(6), 2-6.

Jones got off to a strong start in the boys U18, sweeping his first two games in the round-robin competition. He first defeated the Cook Islands' Fredrick Pickering, 6-3, 6-1, and then thwarted Guam's Emil Penafiel, 6-4, 6-1.

In the girls U18, siblings Thea and Theecel Minor had mixed fortunes in Day 1 of the POJC. Thea won her first game in Pool A against the Cook Islands' Lillian Maui, 6-2, 6-1, but lost to Vanuatu's Lorraine Banimatoku in her

qualifying heats in the 200m breaststroke and other races will begin at 9am, while the finals is set for 6pm.

The CNMI swimmer will have a one-day rest after his first event and will return to the pool on Aug. 16 for the 100m breaststroke race. Wong also holds the CNMI mark in the 100m breaststroke at 1:08.79, recording the feat on July 26, 2009, during the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome, Italy.

The fourth day of the competition (Aug. 17) will be the busiest one for Wong, as he is schedule to race in two events—the 100m butterfly and the 200m IM.

Next week's events include the 20m backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, and butterfly races (heats only), 40m backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, and butterfly, 80m individual medley (prelims and finals) and the 20mX4 freestyle and 40mX4 medley relays (heats only).

The finals will be divided into two categories. For the B Finals, only the sixth to 10th finishers in the prelims will qualify, while the A Finals is for

"It will be the hardest day," the 20-year-old swimmer said.

Wong owns the Commonwealth record in the 200m IM (2:10.18), which he also posted just recently during the World Championships in Shanghai. Alex Screen is the CNMI record-holder in the 100m butterfly (59.00 seconds) and Wong is attempting to break the 24-year mark (Aug. 25, 1987).

The University of Hawaii-Manoa swim team member will complete his World University Games stint on Aug. 18 via the 50m breaststroke race. Wong's best time in this event is 31.62

the Top 5 finishers.

For the relay, the 20mX4 freestyle is open to mixed teams, while a separate race for male and female swimmers will be held for the 40mX4 medley relay.

At the end of the competition, trophies will be given to three outstanding swimmers, while medals await the Top 3 finishers in the A Finals. The Top 3 placers in B Finals will receive ribbons.

Preliminary races will be held from

topping the MTB long course, and Harold Balana and Esther Ada prevailing in the MTB sports course.

In his second fundraiser this Sunday, Sublemente has added a run race. There will be two categories—the 5K and 8K. The shorter course will start at Paupau and runners will head to the baseball field and back to Paupau. For the 8K run, runners must go to as far as the Last Command Post and return to Paupau.

Marroso told the Inquirer that in their motion for "default and dismissal" against Mayweather Jr before Judge Larry Hicks they charged Mayweather with "deliberately defying a court order to appear at deposition on any of the 24 alternate dates offered by Pacquiao."

Marroso contradicted Mayweather's claims that he could not provide his deposition because he was in training and avoiding all distractions and provided supporting evidence including photographs. Marroso accused Mayweather of "lying repeatedly to avoid appearing for deposition."

He said Mayweather "refused to participate in court-ordered discovery because it interfered with his partying schedule."

second assignment, 6-1, 4-6, 3-6. Theecel is also in Pool A and fell to Banimatoku, 4-6, 1-6, and PNG's Marcia Tere Apisah, 0-6, 0-6.

The Top 2 finishers in each pool in the girls U18 will advance to the playoffs for the Top 4 rankings in the field and the rest will battle for the remaining positions. In the boys division, the player with the best record wins the age group.

The Top 2 finishers in each pool in the girls and boys U12 and girls U15 will also march into the semifinals, while the Top 2 in the four pools in the boys U15 will move into the next round.

At the end of the competition, players will get points based on how they finish and these will be credited to their respective teams (North, West, and East) to determine the overall winner of the POJC. The CNMI-led North Pacific Team won last year's tournament, pulling off an upset over the West, 131-128.

seconds (July 28, 2009), which is also the current CNMI mark.

In the World University Games, Wong will be pitted against collegiate athletes (18 to 27 years old) from Europe, Asia, America, Africa, and Oceania. It will be the first time that the CNMI has entries to the Summer Universiade.

The other Commonwealth bet, Manao, is entered in the 160-kilometer road race, which is scheduled for Aug. 12. Incidentally, Manao was the first CNMI athlete to attend a FISU-organized event after joining the FISU Forum in Vigo, Spain, last year.

9am to 11:30am, while the finals will run from 4pm to 6pm.

Meanwhile, Tsunami Saipan resumed its training sessions yesterday after a month-long break.

"Tsunami swimmers started to warm up with a dry land training at Mariana Resort. Then from Thursday to Saturday, we will repaint the wall around the 50-meter pool," Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said.

Entrance fee is only \$10. Registration will start at 6am and all races will begin at 7:15am.

In-kind prizes will be given away at the end of the race, while a brand new mountain bike will be raffled off. Raffle tickets are available at Bike Pro. You don't need to be present to win the bike.

For more information, contact Sublemente at 233-3242 or 789-4438.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	70	43	.619	—
New York	69	44	.611	1
Tampa Bay	59	54	.522	11
Toronto	58	56	.509	12 1/2
Baltimore	44	67	.396	25

Central Division

Detroit	61	53	.535	—
Cleveland	56	56	.500	4
Chicago	55	58	.487	5 1/2
Minnesota	51	63	.447	10
Kansas City	49	65	.430	12

West Division

Texas	64	51	.557	—
Los Angeles	63	52	.548	1
Oakland	51	63	.447	12 1/2
Seattle	49	64	.434	14

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	74	40	.649	—
Atlanta	66	49	.574	8 1/2
New York	56	57	.496	17 1/2
Florida	55	59	.482	19
Washington	55	59	.482	19

Central Division

Milwaukee	65	50	.565	—
St. Louis	62	53	.539	3
Cincinnati	55	59	.482	9 1/2
Pittsburgh	54	59	.478	10
Chicago	49	66	.426	16
Houston	37	77	.325	27 1/2

West Division

San Francisco	63	52	.548	—

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KSPN news director Bob Coldeen, center, is all smiles after receiving the plaque of appreciation for his company.



Melvin Tenorio, center, gets two plaques of appreciation for MARPAC.



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, right, awards a plaque of appreciation to Delta Airlines, which is represented by Esther Sound, third from left, and Chris Concepcion, from second left. Also in the photo during the cocktail party for Tournament of Champions sponsors is TOC chair Ben Babauta, left.



Rey Perez, center, receives the plaque of appreciation for Hard Rock Café.



Tan Siu Lin Foundation manager Ed Arriola, center, poses with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and TOC chair Ben Babauta during the sponsors appreciation night.



Jay Santos, center, gets the plaque of appreciation for Triple J.



Wolf Mojica, center, receives the plaque of appreciation for DFS Galleria.



NTT Docomo Pacific CNMI operations general manager James Nelson, center, receives a plaque of appreciation.



Absalon Waki, center, receives the plaque of appreciation on behalf of IT&E.



Saipan Computer Services' Jerry Tiu gets a plaque of appreciation.



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Six CNMI bets kept their perfect records in the opening day of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji, yesterday.

In the U12 division, Carl dela Cruz and Tammy Ackerman swept their first two games, while U15's Christian Miller and Mikayla Lopez, and U18's Rafael Jones also triumphed in their first two matches in Day 1 of the POJC at the Regional Tennis Centre. Jake Lee played only one game in the boys U15 division and won.

Dela Cruz had his first game against Fiji's Nathan Naidu and swept his foe, 6-1, 6-1. The Commonwealth netter then had a tougher time in his second game of the day, pulling off a 6-2, 7-5 triumph over Samoa's Junior Benjamin. Dela Cruz is seeded second in Pool A and will play Guam's Gabriel Tan and Tahiti's Michael Emery today.

The CNMI's other bet in the boys U12 division, Moris Vil-

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Tammy Ackerman, seen here hitting a low ball during a local tournament at the PIC hard court, won her first two games in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji, yesterday.



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A Tsunami Saipan swimmer races in the 100m freestyle event during a local race early this year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Tsunami Saipan hosts HK swimmers

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan will be hosting the 2011 Hong Kong-Saipan Goodwill Meet on Aug. 20 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

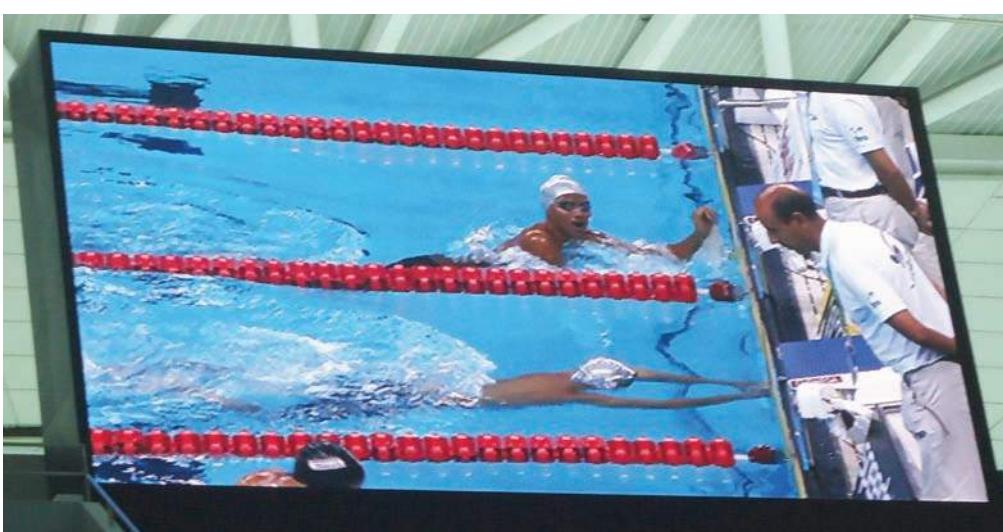
The 20-meter short course competition will feature 15 visiting swimmers from Hong Kong and the host's bets. Tsunami Saipan has also invited Saipan Swim Club to join the goodwill event.

The visiting swimmers are from the Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Club and are

coached by Bronser Hung. The club members seeing action in next week's goodwill meet include Ho Man Chan, Ka Fat Yim, Billy Chan, Gary Chan, Yiu Lam Szeto, Wai Long Cheng, Ricky Ching, Dickson Hung, Felix Ching, Chiu Yin Chiu, Owen Hok Kan Leung, Sin Ying So, Wing Tung Yip, Wai Ling Wong, and Yee Ching Wong. The Hong Kong swimmers are in the U18 age group with the youngest member at 10.

Tsunami Saipan's Yuko Kimura said they decided to

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CNMI swimmer Rezne Wong is seen here in a giant TV screen cooling off after topping the 200m breaststroke qualifying heat in the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, China last month.

Three more races for Rezne

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C N M I swimmer Rezne Wong will compete in three more events in the

2011 Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China, next week.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune* before he left for China with Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White and fellow athlete Matthew Manca last Friday, Wong said be-

sides his favorite events—the 200m breaststroke and 200m individual medley—he will also compete in the 50m and 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly races.

The swimming tournament in the International University

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Course changes for Butch fundraiser

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Changes are made for the bike courses in Butch Journey to XTERRA World Championship Fundraiser II this Sunday.

In the MTB course for beginners, riders will begin at Paupau Beach and head to the dumping site road, Cowtown, and Banzai Cliff before returning to the starting line for the finish.

The MTB sports course will also start at Paupau, but bikers will proceed to Suicide Cliff, Kimikaze trail, turn left to Grotto, Santa Clause trail, dumping site, and past the Last Command Post before going back to Paupau.

For the MTB open course, bikers will also go to the Suicide Cliff and Kimikaze trail after leaving Paupau, but instead of turning left to Grotto, they will head to Bird Islands, Calabera and Radar roads up to the one million gallon tank, turn left to Marianas Country Club road,

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Bikers, seen here heading out of Paupau Beach during a local race, are invited to join the Butch Journey to XTERRA World Championship Fundraiser II this Sunday.